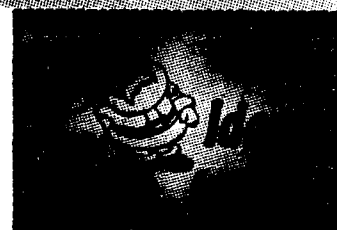




CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



MANY HANDS — Many hands make light work, and the cooking staff at the Grayling Community Thanksgiving Dinner was no exception. Chefs carving the turkeys included (left to right) Al Davis, Lew Sorenson, Fred Kaiser and Mike Smith. Not shown are cooks Don Sorenson and Mary Lou Passmore. Photo by Linda Golnick.

20 turkeys do their part

410 Crawford folks enjoy Thanksgiving dinner

More than 400 dinners were served at the annual Grayling Community Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday, according to tabulations of dinner sponsors.

Twenty turkeys were the center piece of the dinner, with 410 dinners served in all. Almost half — 190 meals — delivered to various parts of Crawford County, and the rest were served at the Knights of

Columbus Hall.

Members of St. Johns Lutheran Church once more took the lead in the Thanksgiving community event, but volunteers came from all over to help out.

Eight to 10 volunteers provided the delivery service to homes as far away as Lovells. The Crawford Emergency Medical Service also helped deliver meals.

Setting up table service and serving food were students from Grayling High School, earning community service credit. Cub Scouts from Roscommon Cub Scout Pack 3944, who were earning merit badges, also pitched in to help.

Dinner planners expected about 400 sit-down dinners, so their figuring came out pretty close.

Two local authors capture first fifty years of Canoe Marathon

What had begun as an idea for a personal memento has grown into the consummate historical album for the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon. The limited edition "Experience the Tradition - The First Fifty Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon" album began before the 1996 Marathon as

tistician, John Cook. With the assistance of Nancy Lemmen, Thompson interviewed over 150 people — paddlers, bank runners, volunteers and marathon enthusiasts — for two years to create as complete a 50-year album as possible. Black and white and color photos were donated by former and present racers and race fans to fill this 176-page album. This full-time volunteer job went into overdrive in the last six months by interviewing paddlers at the race office and sorting through the mountain of notes and photos. "But it was fun," recollects Lemmen. "I was entertained throughout the interviews."

The evolution of the marathon is illustrated, both the race itself and its infrastructure. The aluminum and wooden canoes have given way to Kevlar and composites. Paddles weigh fractions of what they once did. Picnic baskets of "comfort food" have become quick-absorbing carbs and sports drinks. Today, training for the marathon is a year-long process rather than the two week getting-to-know-the-river. Telecommunications and satellite uplinks relay sprint times, paddler interviews, the marathon start, split times and marathon results instantaneously over the Internet. That's a long way from two men and a canoe.

The publication of the limited edition "Experience the Tradition - the

First Fifty Years" Marathon album was made possible in part by Spike's Keg O' Nails. Only 1,000 books were published and quantities are limited.

Local people who pre-ordered will be notified of the books arrival by postcard. Bring your postcard with you to pick up your book on



Nancy Lemmen

any Friday at John Cherven's office in the Grayling Mini-Mall from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; or at the Marathon Race office on Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. To receive your book by mail, call the Race office at 348-4425. For the holidays, the books can be purchased at the fol-

After six years in job

City Treasurer resigns; two departments in labor talks

By Staff Writer

Grayling City Treasurer Verna M. Meharg has resigned her number two job in the Grayling city administration.

In a Nov. 21 letter of resignation submitted to her boss, City Manager Jerry W. Morford, Meharg set Dec. 5 as her last day at work.

She gave no reason for quitting in her letter to Morford, who informed the Grayling City Council of her decision at its Nov. 24 meeting.

Morford told the Council that he understood Meharg wanted a change of pace from city government, and planned to take a private sector job in Gaylord.

"I have enjoyed my job here with the city from day one," Meharg wrote.

"The experiences were ones that I will never forget. It is with great anguish that I am giving you my two weeks notice. My last day will be Dec. 5, 1997. I will plan on attending the council meeting on Monday, too. I realize that this will place the city in a difficult situation however. I would be willing to teach the next person on how to run all the programs," Meharg wrote.

Meharg came to Grayling in 1991 from Crosswell, where she worked in city government.

Her first major task was to bring Grayling city books into the computer age. Everything was done by hand prior to her arrival.

She had completed this transition

within the first year.

All city financial records have come under her direct supervision — general ledger, cash accounts, accounts receivable and payable, payroll, city income taxes.

Meharg's pay has risen steadily. Six years ago, she hired in at \$25,460 per year. Pay is now up to \$36,100.

Morford said he will consult with the Michigan Municipal League

...Her first major task -- bring city books into computer age...

(MML) on job qualifications and recruitment techniques before filling the job. He also indicated he may restructure the job, possibly at a lower pay level.

Although neither Morford nor Meharg has publicly criticized the other, friction between them has arisen.

As one example, Morford praised the job Meharg did in computerizing the city's finance system, but said she lacked administrative skills.

Meharg, for her part, has been critical of Morford's management methods.

For one item, she cited a Council decision in 1986 that office staff be paid time-and-a-half for overtime. She said nobody has ever collected it.

"We were made to take comp time and that was not written down — just understood," she said.

Morford claims only one office employee ever qualified for overtime since then — Kay Ellen King, who keeps minutes at council meetings — and she preferred comp time.

The split at the top comes as the city copes with union organization for the first time.

Primary issues among employees appear to be job benefits and job security.

In 1996, Morford recommended changes in the city's benefits program. Blue Cross/Blue Shield hospital and medical coverage through the MML for employees would continue, but in a somewhat reduced form, according to some employee complaints.

Retirement benefits would be handled by the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS), instead of the former carrier. Life insurance would be dropped for employees who had not worked for the city for at least 10 years, and supplemental Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage would be eliminated for new retirees.

Morford's proposals have been adopted by the City Council.

Morford declined to discuss details of the insurance and benefit programs.

"These are matters of union negotiations, and I can't talk about them," he said.

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City, business work together on snow removal plans

by Staff Writer

The City of Grayling and downtown merchants are working together this winter to coordinate their snow removal plans.

Some tensions have arisen in the past over who was responsible for what, and when.

This year, representatives of the city, Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), Chamber of Commerce, and the Road Commission for Crawford County, met to resolve differences.

GUDA agreed to hire someone to remove snow from sidewalks, and the city agreed to remove the accumulated piles of snow.

Coordination seems to be the key, and all parties involved are working on that.

Here's how GUDA describes the sidewalk cleaning route:

"Start at the Antique Mall, go to Riverland Gear around the corner toward the library, as far as the state will allow.

"Do the walk in front of the Museum.

"Start at the back of Reliable Supply, go to the west side of

Shoppesmen's Hotel, around the corner to the Firehouse, around the corner toward BP Gas as far as the state will allow.

"From the alley by Northern Litho around the corner at Buccilli's Pizzeria to Mary's Book Store around the corner to GTE as far as the state will allow.

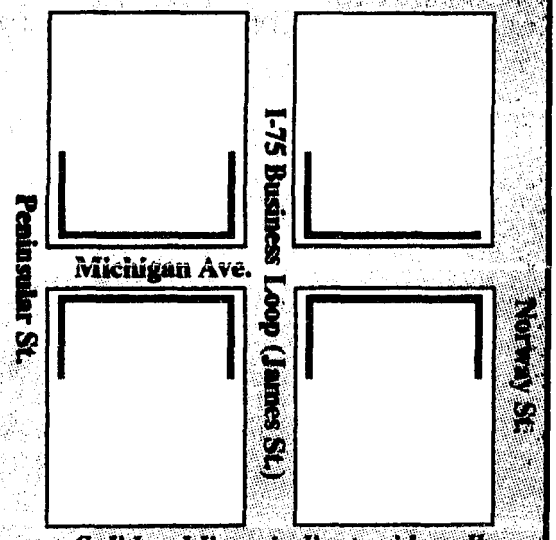
"From alley to Crown Jeweler, around corner to Bike Shop, around corner as far as the state will allow."

The Michigan Department of Transportation will allow snow removal within the state right-of-way.

Further either way from Grayling's main business streets are not part of the program. For

example, walking areas to the library are not covered in this agreement, although the city has agreed to clean the walks that far if it has time and equipment available on any given occasion.

The Road Commission for Crawford County has agreed to clean snow for 50 feet from any corner at the Business Loop intersection.



Solid red lines indicate sidewalks

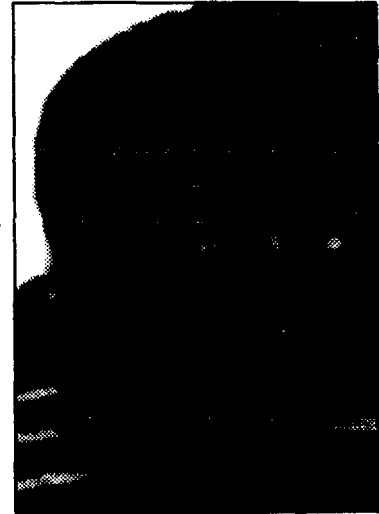
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Jon Thompson

Jon Thompson's inspiration. Thompson says, "I wanted to make a book for myself initially as a memento for the 50th year. The more I researched, the more interest it generated and it grew from there."

Detailed records came from an avid marathon fan and marathon sta-

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Court throws out conflict suit against former commissioner

A conflict of interest lawsuit filed by Crawford County against former county commission member and chairman, Bob McLachlan, has been

dismissed in circuit court.

District Judge Richard J. Liedel of Kalkaska County, who had been assigned to hear the case in

Crawford County Circuit Court, found no cause for action against McLachlan.

Through John B. Huss, prosecuting attorney, the county had claimed that when McLachlan sold his landfill business, he subsequently entered a non-compete agreement which became a conflict of interest with his public role on the county commission.

Judge Liedel, however, found differently.

"The sale of the landfill occurred before the defendant (McLachlan) entered into a non-compete (sic) agreement with another separate and distinct corporate entity, which did not even conduct business in the County of Crawford," Judge Liedel wrote in his decision.

"On its face, there cannot be a conflict of interest as the contract in issue was with a corporate entity not conducting business with the county, or even in the county," Judge Liedel ruled.

Huss said he agreed with the judge that McLachlan "was never in violation of a criminal statute," which was why Huss attempted to frame the suit as a civil violation.

The judge disagreed. "I still believe that Mr. McLachlan's actions were such 'other business transactions' which would bring him under the sanctions imposed by the civil statute," Huss said, "however Judge Liedel has ruled otherwise."

Huss advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners against appealing the judge's ruling. At its Nov. 25 meeting, commissioners agreed.

City Treasurer resigns

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Morford did say that benefits for those already retired will remain the same.

In May of this year, police department employees voted to become members of the Teamsters Union. The unit covers five employees — all but Chief Pete Stephan.

In August, employees of the Department of Public Works also voted to affiliate with the Teamsters.

This unit covers six employees; Supervisor Douglas Duby is exempt.

A petition among office personnel to unionize was withdrawn recently. Meharg said she was one of those who signed cards for the union.

In all, Grayling City has 20 employees — 19 after Meharg leaves. The city and the unions are now negotiating original contracts. The city has retained a labor consultant from the Michigan Municipal League.



GETTING READY — Preparing the place settings for Thursday's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Grayling were (left to right) Jean Mount-Campbell, Margie Davis, Karyn Ruley and Cheri Ruley. Not pictured was Therese Kaiser. Photo by Linda Golnick.

Red Cross urges gifts for military

As the holidays approach, the American Red Cross encourages people to share a bit of holiday cheer by mailing holiday care kits to service members deployed on Operation Joint Guard, (Bosnia, Hungary, Croatia, and adjacent countries). During the 1996 holiday period, more than 2,000 gift packages were distributed by Red Cross station managers. Families and organizations may join together to create and mail a kit directly to the American Red Cross in the region for distribution to service members.

Considering the time of year as well as the severe weather conditions endured by these men and women, including bone chilling cold temperatures, the Red Cross suggests the holiday care kits include such items as:

Individually wrapped candy of all kinds, cookies, microwave popcorn, coffee, teas, packets of hot chocolate or hot cider mix, decks of cards, small card and board games, music cassettes, movie videos, paperback books, puzzle books, writing paper and pens, lip balm, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and lotion. Packages should include a personal note.

Packages should be sturdy boxes sealed with mailing tape. They may be mailed to either of the following addresses:

Hungary: American Red Cross Station Manager, National Support Element Tazsar, Operation Joint Guard, APO AE 09793.

Bosnia: American Red Cross Station Manager, HQ IAD G! (Tuzla Main), Operation Joint Guard, APO AE 09789.

Sherry Haag is volunteer coordinator

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice has announced selection of Sherry Haag as Hospice volunteer coordinator.

Sherry is a 17 year resident of Grayling, who began working for Amicare as after hours coordinator in 1992, and then worked as Amicare's receptionist beginning in February 1993.

As Mercy Amicare Hospice volunteer coordinator, Sherry Haag will be available for speaking engagements after the first of the year. Groups can learn about Amicare Hospice and volunteering, by contacting Sherry at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

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The Crawford County Avalanche will publish a New Year's Special Section to highlight activities in the Crawford County Area.

We are inviting townships, cities, local industries, businesses, churches, service clubs and schools to submit a news article giving us a yearly update, explaining to our readers what your organization has done in 1997.

Please, no advertising in your news story.

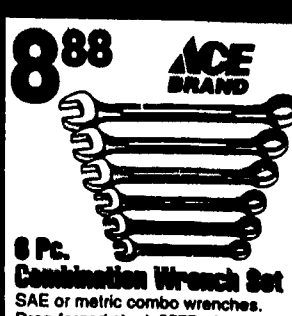
We are limiting articles to approximately 400 words. Photos are welcomed. Deadline is December 12, to be included in the December 31 New Year's Special Section.



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Crawford Deputy Paul Smith sees need, then volunteers to do what he can to help

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Tour after foreign tour, Sheriff's Deputy Paul Smith volunteered to serve and agreed to follow his government's orders. If there was a need somewhere, he went.

Examining a life lived wholly within the boundaries of danger should be approached with caution. And, when talking to a person who's been shot, the respect deepens when the man says, "I don't hunt any more. I've been the hunted."

Sept. 14, 1995 — Officer down! This is the most dreaded report a police radio operator can possibly transmit.

Paul Smith was teamed with Deputy Conrad Niederhouse on such a day. When one of two vans carrying four people failed to pay for gas in Gaylord, the service station called to report the theft and that report was forwarded to dispatch. The Crawford County Sheriff's Department was notified as were the State Police in the area.

"Jim Baker was on dispatch that day," Smith remembers, "and because Conrad and I were in Frederic, we took the call to apprehend the suspects. It had been reported they were at the Hartwick Pines rest area. On the way, we learned the State Police had put the 'drive off' through the computer and found the vehicles were both stolen."

A 'drive off' is a customer who has fueled but leaves the station without paying for the gas.

"When we got to the rest area, all hell broke loose!" Smith said with more enthusiasm than this writer would ever imagine, considering the circumstances must have been overwhelming for those involved.

How can a person get shot "in the line of duty" and still be optimistic about the day's events? Smith replied:

"Easy! When we got to the rest area, saw that Ron (Croskey — Michigan State Police) was trapped and had been shot. We had to help — that's what we do. We heard sirens, but they were a long way off, it seemed. When we were chasing the suspects into a wooded area, I didn't realize that I'd already been shot myself. The guy got me at point-blank range but my vest — 2nd Chance Vest from Central Lake, MI — saved me. Conrad was cut by flying glass, and I had a hole in my chest, but we got all four of them."

Deputies Dean Goss and Tom Coors were next to arrive on the scene. The bullet the criminal put into Smith at point-blank range had severed the pectoral major and minor muscles of the chest. Smith wears the bullet on a chain around his neck.

"Just as a reminder," he said with a broad grin. "I'm still alive, aren't I?"

Perhaps some people are more suited to danger than others. The day Smith enlisted in the Air Force at age 18, he said, "It was the only thing I wanted to do. But what a long time ago that was."

"Back then, I was a card-carrying carpenter with a new car," and a uniform that still fit. "I went on a blind date. It was her 18th birthday, and my cousin — the guy's now my brother in law — set us up. All of my buddies said it wouldn't last and said we got married too soon. But, Bonnie and I will be celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary this year. That's lasting, I'd say."

This "lasting" relationship has



FAMILY FAREWELL — Paul Smith and his wife, Bonnie (in front), gathered with their family shortly before Smith shipped out for a recent military tour in Hungary. Back row: Dave, Joe, Dusty and Brendon Latusek; Nichole and Jim Smith, with Zach. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

produced a girl, Dusty, who's married to David Latusek. The couple have two sons, Joe and Brandon, and they live in Grayling. A son, Jim, married Nichole Morrill, and they with son, Zach, reside in Cookeville, Tenn.

Paul Smith was asked to be the guest speaker at the Veterans Day Celebration at the American Legion this year. It was evident from the delivery of his message to the veterans that as a lawman, a firefighter, and a family man, he has also formed a "lasting" relationship with God and country.

Even after decades as a soldier, as a Crawford County deputy sheriff, and serving on the Grayling Fire Department, Smith still carries on his personal love affair with this area. Actually, it began prior to his days in civilian law enforcement.

Smith returned from Vietnam in the early 1970s and went to work for an uncle in the dry-walling business. He then moved to Grayling in 1972 and worked for the Paint Spot in Traverse City. It was during this commute that he decided Grayling was where he wanted to settle down.

In January of the next year, he applied for a position as patrolman for the City of Grayling. He remained with the City until February 1978 when the Crawford County Sheriff's Department accepted him as a deputy.

"Bum Hatfield was the man who swore me in and ever since that time, I've never met a man I've admired more than him. His community support and dedication have been an inspiration to me, and it was Bum who allowed me the time to work with the Junior Deputy Program," Smith said.

"We started that program with the help of Ann Stephenson, who was then the 4-H Coordinator for Crawford County. I also believe it was the precursor to the D.A.R.E. program. I know D.A.R.E. only goes to the 5th grade now, and that's something that

should be fixed, but the younger kids get to work on self esteem. I only wish they could continue with the same sort of program. In D.A.R.E., they learn about substance abuse, and the students become more involved with what's going on around them."

Professionally, Smith has always been on the inside of one para-military organization or another, so hearing him speak of family, community involvement, and local dedication seems to skew the picture a bit. But, it's not off center; it just seems to be.

As a young Air Force recruit, stationed in Darmstadt, Germany in 1966, serving with the Security Service unit, a change of location in 1968 to Vietnam with the same missions was not an unusual move. And, as a crew member on the EC 47s, serving as an airborne radio direction finding coordinator, "fixing upon the Viet Cong signal to call in air or artillery fire," was what the man did as a duty to country — the most simple definition there could be for operating, under orders, during war time.

Smith agrees he was most fortunate to find a safe place to land after his tour in Vietnam. With a new job and a new family life evolving, he immersed himself into the community-at-large. Law enforcement and community programs seemed to meld into a common good, and joining the Michigan National Guard in October of 1979, Smith effectively merged the two — community involvement and service of county.

Joining the 1439th Fire detachment, he served in Desert Storm, experiencing the bombing disaster of Dhahran. Twenty years with the Grayling Fire Department as a

volunteer also aided in the expanding process of being an example of civic involvement.

"We belong to Michelson Church, and have joined the choir. I'm a lay leader and am involved in youth activities. We just love it here," he said.

"When I was the fire chief for the 1940th (Fire Detachments-Michigan National Guard) in Desert Storm in Kobar Towers, we were on site when the bombing occurred. Coming home to Grayling after that war was such a relief to me; it was so phenomenal to be back. I've always been in law enforcement, but there's nothing like having the support of a good community behind you. And, there's sure nothing like being home."

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Grayling Council pay level to remain \$50 per meeting

It's a biennial ritual, which complies with state law but has not delivered a jolt in years.

The City of Grayling Compensation Commission met last week (Nov. 20), and decided to keep elected city officials' pay the same as it's been since 1987.

Council members receive \$50 per meeting, for up to 30 meetings a year.

The mayor, in addition, receives \$450 per year on top of the \$50 per meeting.

When council members represent the city at out of town meetings, the city pays for meals, lodging and mileage with proper authorization in advance by the Council.

By state law, the compensation

commission's findings become final, unless rejected by the City Council within 30 days.

What would happen if the Council rejected the commission's decision of no-change is not quite clear, but there was no interest expressed by the City Council at its meeting last week (Nov. 24) to do anything about it.

Members of the compensation commission are Larry McNamara, John Cherven, Joe Murphy, Keith Kenney and Bob Holzman.

At its 1997 meeting, the commission named Cherven as chair to serve until its next meeting in 1999.

The compensation commission serves without compensation.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

Words are vital in voter decisions

SHAKESPEARE claimed that no matter what it's called, a rose by any other name is still a rose.

In deciding public issues, the Shakespearean advice doesn't always fit.

Exhibits A and B are a couple of recent public votes involving one of today's hottest political issues — affirmative action to some, preferential treatment to others.

In 1996, a statewide vote in California approved an amendment to the state constitution to outlaw affirmative actions be state and local governments.

In 1997, Houston voters turned down a referendum to dump its affirmative action program.

Two similar questions. Two different places. Similar elections. And different results.

How come?

Maybe it all came down to words.

THE CALIFORNIA measure said government could not "discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin."

Sounds reasonable. California voters thought so.

In Houston, voters were asked if they wanted to end "affirmative action" which would guarantee minorities sharing in city business.

In a city which is 40 percent white, 28 percent Hispanic and 25 percent black, that sounds reasonable, too. Houston voters agreed.

Choice of words may have been instrumental in the two votes, according to some experts.

Using the words "preferential treatment" and "discriminate" may well have influenced California voters in how they made up their minds.

IN THE FUTURE, those seeking referenda to bring down affirmative action should be mighty careful how they choose their words, says one expert.

Daniel Smith, a political science professor at University of Denver, was quoted about the Houston vote in USA Today.

"They'll figure out what language to use to attack affirmative action," he said. "This initiative certainly symbolizes what language doesn't work."

Other factors, of course, were significant in the two elections.

California is, after all, California.

Strange things often happen in California, especially politically.

In Houston, a broad leadership front, including both political parties, the business community and Mayor Bob Lanier, pushed to defeat the proposal.

But did words determine the two ballot questions?

They probably helped.

PLAYING WITH words is an old political game, of course.

The modern term for the art is spin doctoring.

The 1997 election on a national scale provided plenty of opportunity for spin doctoring.

Which party won? Did Republicans do better overall than Democrats, or was it the other way around?

It all depends on who's doctoring the spin.

Republicans kept the only Congressional seat open, in New York where Republican Susan Molinari resigned to become a TV new analyst.

Republicans also won statehouses in New Jersey where Gov. Christie Todd Whitman squeaked through in a tighter than expected race, and in

Virginia where Jim Gilmore won the open governorship.

In New York City, Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani easily won another term.

Republican sweep, right? That's what signs at Republican National Committee offices in Washington proclaimed.

"This sets a fabulous stage for 1998," gloated Republican Speaker Newt Gingrich.

And so it seems.

But wait. Democrats see it differently.

Democratic National Chair Roy Romer, governor of Colorado, issued his own analysis.

"The results...show that Americans are happy with the direction the president and vice-president are taking this country, and that's why they overwhelmingly elected incumbents or their parties," said Gov. Romer.

Well, OK. Every politician has the right to his/her own spin.

Besides, its only words.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

White lights brighten up Yule season

To the editor,

IT WORKS!! Just a reminder and the white lights have appeared!!

The members of GPA want all the businesses in town and on the outskirts to know that we appreciate their efforts to make Grayling the prettiest Christmas town in the north.

Each day we see more white lights. We hope that every business that doesn't have them will soon join us in our campaign.

We would like to see all the businesses "light up the loop" from the I-75 entrance right thru town and on out to M-93. Wouldn't that be a wonderful sight!?

Betty Bennett, President
Grayling Promotional Association

Betty asks...

Question of the week:
What do you want for Christmas?

Jordan Conrad (7Yrs.)
Midland, MI
"This is a expensive thing, a VCR for my TV, jewelry, maybe a little make-up, and some CD's for my play-er, All cry dolls."

Morgan Conrad (5 Yrs.)
Midland, MI
"I want a radio, puzzles, new earrings and a neck-lace."

Travis Burt (14 Yrs.)
Monroe, MI
"A new car, a computer and new clothes"

Terra & Lindsey Bailey (12 & 15 Yrs.)
Gaylord, MI
Terra - "Most of all a CD Player" Lindsey - "A bookshelf and this real cool pair of jeans"

There you have it...Be careful what you wish for...One year I wished for diamond earrings, and my husband gave me some that were so small they fell through the holes in my ears.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

MEMORANDUM

by Gov. John Engler

\$1 Billion for Public Schools

(The following is an editorial by Governor John Engler regarding the record \$1 billion investment in schools that is resulting from the "Durant" court case. Governor Engler signed the legislation today.)

This week, Michigan took a giant step forward in our constant campaign to improve the quality of our public schools. Our children will benefit from a \$1 billion investment in their schools and their future.

Today, Nov. 19, I signed landmark legislation, passed nearly unanimously by the Michigan Legislature, that completes the last major cornerstone of our state's comprehensive package for equitable financing of our public schools. Now, we leave litigation behind and move education ahead — for our children and for Michigan.

In recent years, Michigan has been setting records in providing high levels of support for K-12 education, improving equity among schools districts, while at the same time providing relief for Michigan taxpayers. Funding is up by one-half, the equity gap is down by more than one-third and taxpayers are benefiting from more than \$8.5 billion in tax cuts.

Despite that record of achievement, a long-disputed lawsuit threatened our progress and the state's financial health. That's why I am proud to report that the 17-year-old "Durant" lawsuit has been now resolved once and for all. What began as a bitter, contentious lawsuit is ending as the biggest one-time investment in school improvement

in Michigan history.

To settle the case, the legislation I signed today invests an additional \$1 billion to help our children learn and improve our schools, taking Michigan's support for our children's K-12 education to an unprecedented level of \$11.6 billion.

I commend the Michigan Legislature for reaching a compromise; bipartisan solution to this long-standing issue and for putting our children first. Relentless work, on the part of both Republicans and Democrats, resulted in a win-win solution. It's a complicated plan, but the bottom line is simple: Kids win.

Michigan schoolchildren most at risk will benefit from \$250 million in resources this year and \$260 million next year — an increase over last year's funding of \$230 million. The first two installment of these payments will be sent out before Thanksgiving. There should be no pink slips, no layoffs and no program cuts. School children are protected.

An added \$66.7 million will be spent this year, plus another \$48.2 million next year, for special education to help children who need help the most.

To help high school students graduate to productive high-paying jobs that don't demand a college education, \$24.2 million will support the development of a new, statewide career preparation system. In the current year, we'll spend \$1.3 million for planning grants to make sure this new initiative is a success.

Achieving an important part of my school improvement agenda,

\$20 million will be budgeted next year for schools to help reduce class sizes and increase individual instruction. Again, we are putting the needs of children first.

A total of \$212 million will be paid to the 84 school districts that sued the state (the "Durant" plaintiffs). This money is available without restriction and may be used for any purpose that local school boards determine. These districts will receive their entire settlement payment on April 15, 1998.

So that every district is funded fairly and every child benefits, approximately \$640 million will be budgeted for the nearly 500 districts that did not sue. For most of these districts, half of this money will be made available in November 1998, and the other half will be paid in ten equal, annual installments, also beginning in November 1998. Schools are expected to use this new funding to invest in technology and other infrastructure improvements.

To accomplish all this while ensuring overall fiscal stability, the state completed action on school funding for both the current fiscal year and next fiscal year. This eliminates uncertainty and allows schools to plan for the future. The state is also reducing pension costs for school districts, with savings devoted to the classroom.

I want to commend Senator Dan DeGrow, Representative Bob Emerson, House Speaker Curtis Hertel and Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus for their leadership in making this compromise plan possible. Working together we have found common ground, and Michigan's schoolchildren will benefit immediately.

I believe strongly that for our children to reach their full potential,



Gov. John Engler

Michigan's public schools must be the best in the world. To help reach that goal, lawmakers and educators have worked together with parents and other interested parties to enact fundamental change.

We've given parents and students more public school choices. We've strengthened discipline and expelled kids who bring guns to school. We are spending more on K-12 education than we spend on everything else in the entire state budget combined.

But most importantly, our focus continues to be on quality and accountability, high standards and tough tests. The results of this strategy are showing — test scores are up and Michigan children are safer and smarter.

With this historic \$1 billion investment, Michigan wins because our children win.

Historically Speaking



This photo, circa late 1800s, is submitted with names on the back as clear as we can read; Nettie Jenson, Thane Pattars, Cara and Clererse VanAnberg. If you can identify any of these people please let us know. Photo courtesy by Wesley Smith. (The Avalanche invites readers to submit their own photo memories of the past for publication. Photos will not be harmed, and will be returned.)

Gardening Made Easy

Do you like to garden but find it too difficult or time-consuming? The Master Gardeners Society will discuss "Tips to Make Gardening Easier" at its Dec. 8 meeting.

The Monday meeting will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall located in Lyon Township at Higgins Lake. For additional information you may call President, Barb, at 517-275-5832.

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BRIEFS

Christmas party planned at Legion post

Grayling American Legion Auxiliary #106 Christmas party to be at Legion Post on Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and a gift to exchange worth \$5.

GHS financial aid night Dec. 11th

Dale Schantz, director of financial aid at Kirtland Community College, will be the guest speaker at the annual GHS financial aid night. State and federal financial aid available for higher education, eligibility, and the application process will be the topics for the 7 p.m. meeting in the GHS library.

Kirtland Garden Club

Every one is welcome to join Kirtland Garden Club members and friends for this year's Christmas luncheon. We will share garden tips and talk about the past garden season on Dec. 15 at 12 p.m. at 123 Lake Street, Prudenville. Reservations are due by Dec. 8.

MS support group to have Christmas party

MS support group of Roscommon, Grayling, Houghton Lake and St. Helen group has its regular meeting the first Saturday of each month at the Roscommon Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. If a holiday conflicts with this, the meeting is held on the second Saturday.

This month the group will meet Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. to have a pizza and cookie luncheon, a time of fellowship and sharing. The meeting will be finished in time for those who are attending Christmas in the Village that same afternoon.

MS support group is a place to discuss problems with others who can relate to this neurological disease. They receive information from speakers and from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society regarding the newest treatments and research findings.

Project Graduation continues to sell trees

GHS Project Graduation '98 is selling Blue Spruce Christmas trees at the corner of Old-27 and M-72 West. Trees will be sold each day, until gone. Tree stands are also on sale, for \$5 each.

Volunteers are needed to help sell these trees. If you are able to help call Steve Anderson at 348-2299.

SHARE program sign-up

There will be a Share sign up Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be Dec. 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints on N. Down River Road.

Snowmobile area trail map

An area trail map is now available due to the Leadership of Dennis Fyock. This all-season map should be a real boost for both advertisers and area sports enthusiasts. 30,000+ maps were printed. Map advertisers each have a quantity of maps, the GAVC has also purchased quite a few for their use. Area merchants can purchase bundled maps for resale, please get in touch with Dennis at (517) 348-9092.

Members who are up to date will receive a map with their newsletter.

"The Many Sounds of Christmas" concert

The annual Community Education Cultural Events Series Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Joseph Stripe auditorium. This year's performances feature the Michigan Opera Theatre Singers, The Wyandotte Academy Children's Choir, The Classical Bells and The North Oakland Brass. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., Brass Quintet pre-show begins 7:15 p.m., main curtain is 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this one-time performance is \$6 per person, \$20 family plan, up to 5 people. Tickets may be purchased at the Community Education Box Office at 348-7641 ext. 123.

Welcome Wagon Club will meet Dec. 8th

The Welcome Wagon Club of Grayling will meet Monday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at the home of Beverly Schonosky, 500 Peninsular Drive for a potluck Christmas dinner. For more information call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562 or Rose Smith, 348-5598.

DNR Open House, Dec. 11

The Department of Natural Resources is hosting an Open House on December 11, to provide information and allow public comment on proposed management activities for the year 1999, on the AuSable State Forest, Grayling Forest Area. The Open House will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grayling Field Office, 1955 North 1-75 Business Loop, Grayling.

Each year Grayling Forest Management staff does a detailed inventory of one-tenth of the State Forest land in Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona and Iosco Counties. Information is gathered on size, age, and health of the trees; wildlife and recreation uses and needs; and social factors such as roads and neighborhoods in the area. From this information, Foresters determine management needs for the area inventoried.

The Open House is an opportunity for interested people to informally review maps showing cover types and proposed treatments. This is your opportunity to provide input to us before treatments are decided upon at a formal review. It also gives individuals an opportunity to talk with Foresters and Wildlife Biologists about issues of interest.

County board plays Grinch for employees at courthouse

Christmas plans at the Crawford County Courthouse set off quite a debate for the County Commission at its meeting last week (Nov. 25), with some commissioners playing the role of The Grinch.

Actually the controversy was more about paid time off than the Christmas spirit, but the results were the same.

It all started when County Clerk Sandy Moore brought up the question of the annual Christmas party for courthouse employees.

Moore said she had polled courthouse workers on three options: A potluck at the courthouse, an evening party with guests, or a late lunch at an outside restaurant.

Employees preferred the afternoon lunch, Moore said. So she made tentative arrangements: Patti's Restaurant, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, at \$7 a person. Employees would work through the regular lunch hour, then close the Courthouse at 2 p.m. for the Christmas party, with the rest of the afternoon off.

Commissioners are invited to the party, too, Moore said.

By working through their lunch hours, leaving at 2 p.m. would mean only 90 minutes of extra time off for each employee. The Courthouse usually closes at 4:30 p.m.

Would commissioners approve the annual Christmas party for employees?

Commissioners Kathy Black and Lynnette Corlew checked their date books, and said they preferred Friday to Thursday. Could Moore move the date?

Why not wait until after work, like the outside world? asked Chair Bob Bretzke.

The employees' party is traditional, and the commission shouldn't

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Grayling Rotary Club Scholarship are now available. To be eligible, applicants must have completed one year of college.

Those who qualify may pick up an application at Grayling High School or from any member of the Rotary Club.

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THURS 4	•MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE Bereavement support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular, 3-5 pm. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457. •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •AUSABLE VALLEY Snowmobile Assoc. meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL Club meeting @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For information call 348-7905 •MS BOOK FAIR @ MS media center, 8 am - 4 pm. •VAR WRESTLING vs. Alpena & Gaylord @ Gaylord, 6 pm. •COMMUNITY EDUCATION CONCERT Christmas special @ HS auditorium, 7:30 pm.
FRI 5	•MS BOOF FAIR @ MS media center, 8 am - 4 pm. •VAR BBB Meet the Team night @ HS, 7 pm. •ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL BAZAAR & Old-Fashioned Luncheon @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9 am - 6 pm.
SAT 6	•SAT TEST DATE. •VAR WRESTLING @ Roscommon Tournament, 9 am. •ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL BAZAAR & Old-Fashioned Luncheon @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9 am - 3 pm.
SUN 7	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 8	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •WELCOME WAGON Club meeting and dinner, 6 pm. For more information call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Rose Smith, 348-5598.
TUES 9	•VAR & JV BBB vs. Roscommon, away, 6 pm. •HS BAND CONCERT @ HS auditorium, 7 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE Council meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm
WED 10	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •ASVAB TEST DATE. •HS MUSICAL casting, 3 pm. •HUMAN RIGHTS DAY.

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The Bible Speaks

Universal human rights

From the Calvary Baptist Church

During a news conference held by President Bill Clinton and China's President Jiang Zemin, our president spoke about the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a challenge to the Chinese dictator. But is this our best standard for universal human rights?

President Jiang Zemin replied, "The concepts on democracy and human rights are relative and specific ones, and they are to be determined by the specific national situations of different countries." He described how the Chinese culture being some 5,000 years old predates the more recent changes in western culture. Since China's culture predates the discovery and birth of our nation, as well as our ideas of democracy and human rights, are his arguments more valid?

Certainly our world was moved by the brutality at Tiananmen Square. We resent their slave labor camps, except for the economic bargains they bring us. We resent their persecution of Christians, but say little about it globally. We resent their harvesting of organ transplants and forced abortion of babies. But, are we pushing opposite values than China? Because of lib-

eral views and tolerance of abortion, suicide, and euthanasia in America, our lips are sealed. Our leaders push more "human rights" we share in common like clean air, clean water, good health, better schools, greener forests, and more global cooperation.

One person is left out of the equation - God! (Acts 17:26) "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;" (Acts 14:16) "Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways." (Acts 17:30) "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." God has declared the rights to eternal life universal.

Our Lord Jesus Christ declared His gospel universal in scope. (Matthew 28:18-20) "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. [19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-

manded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The best governmental declaration of Human Rights we can share comes not from the United Nations, but from the Declaration of Independence signed by our forefathers on July 4, 1776:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These unalienable human rights are not situational, or conditional and therefore are not dependent upon the changing whims of government. Their certainty depends upon the historical revelation of a sovereign God who speaks both through nature and the Holy Scriptures.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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GPA to sponsor "Breakfast With Santa" Dec. 6

Santa Claus is coming to Grayling Saturday, Dec. 6 at St. Mary's Family Center when the Grayling Junior Promotional Association sponsors the 4th annual Breakfast With Santa. Children should bring their parents to eat a nutritious breakfast and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

GPA cooks will be fixing break-

fast sticks, eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee will be served. Contestants for the Grayling Junior Miss Pageant will be on hand to help.

Local organizations have supported the event by donating tickets for the less fortunate in our community. Tickets for adults and children in

Help Center.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting with children, checking their lists and posing for family keepsake pictures. Children can shop at the Kids Korner Store where quality items for less than \$1 can be purchased. Kids Korner features jewelry and other novelty gifts, and is sponsored by the St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club.

Tickets are available at the door for \$2 each for kids 10 and under, and \$4 each for 11 and older. Children and parents must purchase a ticket to visit with Santa.

Christmas College

fast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. French

Are you interested in learning to create beautiful craft articles out of natural materials such as rocks, minerals, and fossils? As a part of "Christmas in the Village" on Dec. 6th, the Mikenauk Rock And Gem Club will present "The University Of Rockhounding" from 2 to 8 p.m. in the old variety store on Lake St. in Roscommon. The club will present displays of rocks, minerals, and fossils, plus a sale of unique craft items made by club members. Demonstrations and presentations will include: cabachon making,

need are available at the Christian beading, silversmithing, gem tree making, rock tumbling, and fossil identification. Also, petoskey stone polishing kits for the kids will be available for sale.

The Mikenauk Rock And Gem Club family welcomes new members, so for those who are interested in joining the club, meetings are held at the Roscommon Community Center the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are served at every meeting. For more information, call Bob at 275-8155 or Ken at 275-4235.

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"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

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Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
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Sunday School... 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

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701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
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Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

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Adult Bible Study... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

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Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
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Sunday Worship... 11:15 am
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Wednesday... 7 pm

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Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

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Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

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Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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Pastor Fred Coates
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Sunday School... 10 am
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
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Wednesday... 7 pm

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

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Morning Service... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
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Sunday Morning Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm
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City plans to continue with project

The Grayling City Council last week (Nov. 24) decided to continue its sidewalk improvement program in 1998, but will seek bids on the project for next year.

Hunt Brothers Poured Walls, Inc., of Tawas City, has been the contractor for the last two years.

Although expressing no dissatisfaction with the Hunt company's performance, council members decided to seek bids for the 1998 program.

In presenting the subject to council members, City Manager Jerry Morford said there were two questions involved:

1. Do they want to do it again next year?
2. Do they want to bid it out, or negotiate with the present contractor?

The council members responded that yes, they did want to continue the program, and they wanted to look for bids.

Council member D. J. Brown said she believed the city should favor Grayling contractors for city projects.

"I believe we should spend our money locally, if at all feasible," she said.

Mayor Ralph Stevens said he agreed local considerations are important, "but it must be the low bid or close."

By shutting the door to out of town bidders, Stevens said, "we would lose our leverage" among bidders.

Council member Bob Golinick, who has been on council for 30 years, said "I don't think we've ever

had a local bid" on the sidewalk project.

Council member Bob Ruddy cautioned that "sometimes the cheapest bid is not the best bid."

Morford said putting the project out for bids could cost from \$5-6,000, considering costs of plans, advertising, engineering, and other expenses.

Although no figure is available until plans are completed, Morford indicated the city has been spending about \$250,000 a year on the sidewalk improvement project, and the 1998 program could be in the same cost neighborhood.

Financed by the city income tax, the sidewalk program includes both repairing and replacing existing sidewalks, as well as laying new ones.

Morford said priorities, among other things, are based roughly on auto traffic patterns which frequently reflect foot traffic usage, safety considerations, and congestion patterns suggested by locations of schools and other heavy pedestrian usage areas.

He indicated the program could run another three or four years or more to complete, depending on a number of variables.

Morford told the council that he did not foresee any street repairs "of significance" to include in the 1998 program.

Hunt Brothers had indicated in earlier correspondence with the city that for 1998 they would like to see an increase of 4 percent of the unit prices due to escalating material costs.

Morford indicated it would be several weeks before sidewalk bid documents are ready.



IN THE MIDDLE — November Grayling Middle School Students of the Month were selected by staff members based on academic achievement, demonstrating good citizenship efforts, manners, dependability and a positive attitude. Front row, from left: Brett Mead, Joseph Zelek, Ashely McMann, Toshia Butts, Megan Fekete, Joseph Bartha, Aaron Rosecrans. Second row: Regina Young, Andria Alvarez, Justin DeVille, Tom Earls, Tricia Smith, Sara Dunkley. Third row: Katie Haskin, Frank Verlinde, Stephanie Peterson, Apryl Rugenstein, Adam Kaiser, Justin Fenn, Scott Latusek. Fourth row: Jordan Knight, Andrew Boardman, Jennifer Rusiecki, Matt Curtis, Jennifer Dean, Michael Hale, Justin Schreiber. Not pictured: Matt Cottrell, Nicole Daniels, Kirkland Meyer and Barbara Wargo. A pizza party was supplied to these Students of the Month from Buccilli's.

Petitions seek recall of prosecutor

John B. Huss, Crawford County prosecuting attorney, is the subject of a second recall effort by Norman Bancroft of Grayling.

On Nov. 10, Bancroft submitted a petition to the Crawford County Board of Elections, listing five counts against Huss.

The election board, which by law must approve the wording before a recall petition can be circulated officially, on Nov. 17 ruled that Bancroft's suggested wording was not clear enough to meet legal standards.

So Bancroft reworded four of his charges, and submitted new wording, which will be considered by the county elections board at a hearing Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

Bancroft's new petitions ask for an election to vote on the recall of the prosecutor for the following reasons:

1. Misled voters by failing to inform voters he would not adhere

to the County Commissioners' resolution that made the office of Prosecuting Attorney a full-time position at \$50,000 a year, and with no private practice.

"2. For requesting, after his election, that his salary be increased to \$75,000;

"3. For failing to prosecute Robert McLachlan under the proper statute;

"4. For the filing of a civil lawsuit against the County."

These are four of the same five allegations Bancroft made in the petitions that were disallowed. The fifth charge, which was omitted on

the second Bancroft petition but which ironically the elections board had found sufficiently clear, took aim at Huss "for the hiring of an arbitration attorney at county expense to appeal his convictions administered by an Administrative Law Judge without the prior approval of the County Board of Commissioners."

County Clerk Sandra Moore said between 1,100 and 1,200 valid signatures would be required on recall petitions to hold an election.

Members of the county elections board include Moore, Treasurer Joseph V. Wakeley, and Probate Judge John Hunter.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Dec. 4 through Dec. 10, 1997.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Artillery firing will be conducted.

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| 10 am - 9 pm | Gallimore House Open House, Serving warm wassail, also featuring sale of Christmas Candy, Cookies and Gifts, sponsored by the Roscommon Historical Society. |
| 10 am - 2 pm | Cookie Walk and Candy Sale at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, 149 Robinson Lake Road (off of M-18 Highway near I-75 Exit 239). |
| 12 noon - 7:30 pm | Roscommon Elementary School Decorated Christmas Trees Silent Auction in the Cherven building. Winners to be announced at 8 pm. |
| 12 noon - 8 pm | Craft Show inside the CRAF Center gym featuring crafters, and inside the Cherven Building featuring crafters and local fund-raiser groups from schools and churches. |
| 1 pm | Christmas Craft Auction at Roscommon VFW, sponsored by the Homemakers Extension Study Group. |
| 1 & 3 pm | 2 Matinee Cartoon Movies, Roscommon Cinema; Donation: 1 can of food, sponsored by NBD Bank. |
| 2 - 8 pm | The Mikenauk Rock and Gem Club in Cherven Building. |
| At Dusk | Candles will be lit along Lake Street and Fifth Street. |
| 6 - 8 pm | Live Nativity on the CRAF Center lawn, sponsored by the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North. |
| 6 - 9 pm | Open Houses for Village Businesses. |
| 6:15 pm | Electric Light Parade. |
| 7 pm | Arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at Village Square Gazebo. Winners of Coloring and Decorating Contests will be announced at this time. |
| 7:15 pm | Hayrides and Firemen's Memorial Train Rides for families. |
| 6:30 - 8 pm | Lions Club Hot Dogs; pay with a can of food or \$1. |
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U.S. Forest Service denies new road access to Forest Dunes development

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The disappointing announcement that the U. S. Forest Service was denying developers access across 40 acres of Federal land had been made earlier.

But, when Tom Fous, project engineer for Forest Dunes, brought the map to the Board of Commissioners' meeting on Nov. 25, 1997, the location of the small piece of land in question was exposed to the public.

It was clearly marked — Kirtland's Warbler habitat.

Forest Dunes Golf and County Club is a planned unit development, expected to generate hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in property taxes when completed. The developers anticipate building 1,268 residential homes, two 18-hole golf courses designed by Tom Weischoff, several

lakes and a club house. The phased development consists of 1,232 acres in southeastern Crawford County, South Branch Township.

Initially, the developers proposed to state and local officials an extension of Four Mile Road, south of Grayling. Traffic studies had been submitted, and the proposed extensions would call for improving Four Mile Road west of I-75 to Chase Bridge Road, the expense being born by Forest Dunes.

It is state policy, however, that if property owners have current access to their land, there is no need to give them additional access simply for convenience. Without the Four Mile Road extension, the other two options of getting to the Forest Dunes development are exiting at North Higgins Lake Drive and taking M-18 east to Chase Bridge, and then going north; or, continuing on I-75 into

Grayling to take M-72 east to Chase Bridge and then dropping back south.

Neither of these options is preferable to the developer, said Fous. He said his firm is beginning the process of asking the Forest Service to reconsider its position.

Commissioner Dennis Long said that holding up the project for such a small piece of land seemed incongruous.

"Once potential buyers or visitors establish a rhythm and stop south of Grayling for food or motel rooms, our local businesses will lose out," Long said.

Pat Merrill, Crawford County Environmental Official, agreed and said he was pursuing the possibility of a land swap at the federal level. In a

very recent conversation, he said that if a property owner is denied access to cross federal land, that the next step is to "file a habitat conservation plan. The Endangered Species Division said reversal is possible, if the strategy offsets what the project hopes to accomplish."

Merrill also said that an endangered species, such as the Kirtland's Warbler, falls under federal jurisdiction. And, because the bird has a natural rotation of 50 years, their breeding area is inclined to move. They breed exclusively in young jack pine forests, but this species of tree will not reproduce by seed. The only way jack pine can reproduce is for fire to release the seed for new growth.

CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 104 incidents from Nov. 17 to Nov. 24:

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The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 101 incidents from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1:

1 fire hazard SB, 2 criminal sexual conduct, 1 assault, 2 burglaries, 4 larceny, 1 fraud, 3 prop. dmg., 1 obstruction of justice, 8 pub. peace, 2 OUIL/OUID, 1 citation, 14 hlth. & sfty., 1 invad. priv., 1 conserv., 1 misc. crim., 1 minors, 1 runaway, 16 accidents, 4 NT accidents, 1 civil traf., 2 parking violations, 2 traf. polic, 1 snowmobile, 3 false alarm, 7 civil/FT, 4 susp. sit., 1 missing persons, 1 gen. asst and 15 gen. non-criminal.

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Remodeling canceled; Moshier repays loan

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission was a recent plaintiff in a District Court lawsuit against Roger A. Moshier, owner of Moshier Auto Repair as the defendant.

On April 8, 1996, Moshier signed an application for a Milltown Project Loan to rehabilitate the exterior of his auto repair shop located at 515 N. James St., in Grayling. The amount of the loan granted by the Housing Commission was \$3,000, to be matched by Moshier's own funds.

Repairs to the aging stucco block structure were identified, and the project was to begin "when weather permits." As months passed, none of the repairs were done, even though Moshier has been contacted repeatedly. After a hearing on the matter,

Judge Francis Walsh set trial on Nov. 7, 1997.

Crawford County filed suit against Moshier for return of the money on April 14, 1997. David Sabin, attorney for the county asked the court to, "grant a judgement against the Defendants in the amount of \$3,000 with interest."

The property is zoned C-1 General Business. Permitted uses for this zoning are: retail sales of food stuffs, petroleum products, pharmaceutical and allied products, clothing, dry goods, hardware, furniture, and appliances.

Additional uses considered acceptable in the C-1 General Business zoning are personal service type business such as barber shops, beauty shops, real estate offices, insurance offices, professional offices, theaters, recreational and amusement centers.

Because the Moshier Auto Repair business was located within the building prior to the adoption of the City's Zoning ordinances and attendant building codes, the repair business has been "grandfathered" — a term denoting the acceptance of past usage, which use will cease when the property is sold.

There are restrictions, however, even on a "grandfathered" business.

The City's Zoning Code says, "all permitted uses shall be conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building, unless such uses normally require such to be conducted in other than an enclosed building, in which case such uses shall be approved by the Board of Appeals."

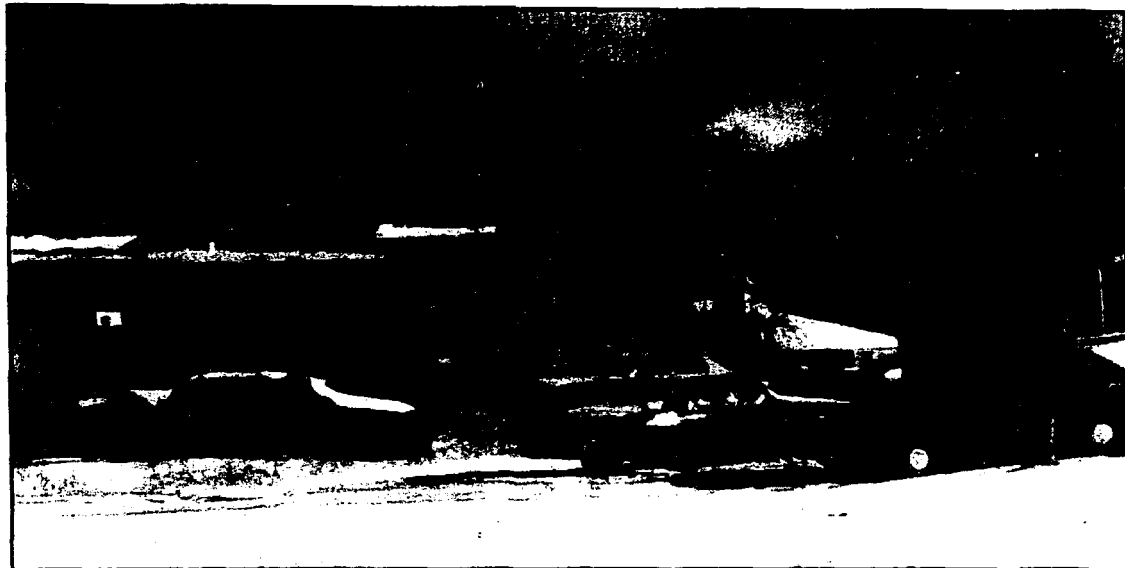
There is no record of the Board of Appeals granting Moshier Auto Repair the right to conduct that business outside the walls of the building. And, although Moshier holds a

State of Michigan Mechanic's License, he does not hold a valid Salvage Yard License nor does he hold an Automobile Dealer's License as of May 27, 1997.

State issued licenses are required to store automobile bodies and/or parts upon the premises, and entitle an owner of the property to keep and sell used vehicles on a lot designated for such purposes.

The Crawford County Housing Commission dropped its lawsuit just prior to the scheduled trial date when Roger Moshier appeared to return the \$3,000 check. This effectively closed the deal and canceled the facelift to that portion of the the building.

Bill Moshier, another recipient of a \$3,000 matching funds grant from the Crawford County Housing agency, is proceeding with the rehabilitation of his half of the building. Moshier Refrigeration is directly adjacent to Moshier Auto Repair, which, shares a common, inner retaining wall.



NO CHANGE — The Moshier building on James St., in downtown Grayling, likely will remain as it is after return of a rehabilitation loan. The rear of the building, shown above, may stay as it is, too. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

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Weekly Update

The final month of the year is upon us already, and ice fishing is just around the corner. The first ice can be by far the best fishing of the winter. However, you must be very careful and don't go alone! The small lakes will freeze first and sometimes the bluegills will bite very well. Early morning and late evening is almost always the best times.

The black powder deer season will open Dec. 12th. It's always the second Friday in December here in Zone 2 and 3. However the Upper Peninsula will open the first Friday on the 5th of December.

There seems to be quite a few bucks left, so this season should be good, depending some on the weather.

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OBITUARIES

John M. Porter
 John M. Porter, 59, of Grayling, died Nov. 30, 1997 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.
 He was born in Detroit to Maynard and Helen (Michno) Porter on Feb. 1, 1938.
 Mr. Porter was a resident of Crawford County for 20 years, moving here from Livonia. He was a retired die-maker in the parts manufacturing business. He was a member of Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM.
 He is survived by his wife, Lisa; daughter, Michelle and John Klawitter of Cali.; stepson, James and Patricia Graustein of Willis; and grandchildren: Nicole Graustein and Tyler Graustein.
 Mr. Porter was preceded in death by his parents, Maynard and Helen (Michno) Porter.
 Masonic services were held Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Masonic Lodge #356 of Grayling officiating.
 The family requests that memorial donations be directed to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

John C. Gunter, Jr.
 John C. Gunter, Jr., 63, of Grayling died Nov. 28, 1997 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.
 Mr. Gunter was born in Decatur, Ill. to John and Gertrude (Retke) Gunter on April 14, 1934.
 He married Mararet A. (Duprey) Gunter in Angola, Ind. on Jan. 5, 1953. He moved to Grayling eight years ago from Howell.
 Mr. Gunter retired from Montgomery Ward, where he was a supervisor. He served in the national guard for 10 years. He loved his grandkids, being in the out of doors and with his dogs, Alex and Stubby.
 He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Bonnie and Rick Knight of Howell; two sons: John C. Gunter III of Battle Creek, and Brian and Penny Gunter of Cohoctah; sister, Betty Steinhabel, Canton; and six grandchildren: Sara Walter, Matthew Gunter, Justin and Jessica Gunter, Jennifer and Jeffery Knight.
 Funeral services were held Dec. 1, 1997 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Pallbearers: Brian Gunter, John Gunter III, Justin Gunter, Rick Knight, Al Krey, and Kevin Rice.

Donald L. Pringle
 Donald L. Pringle, 81, of Higgins Lake died Nov. 18, 1997, at his residence.
 Mr. Pringle was born in Union City, Penn. to Almon and Maire (Housnick) Pringle on April 5, 1916. He married Betty J. Stuart on July 2, 1938 in Saginaw where they resided until moving to Higgins Lake 20 years ago.
 Mr. Pringle was a painter for Great Lakes Express Trucking in Saginaw for 30 years, retiring in 1975. Mr. Pringle was a member of Higgins-Houghton VFW Post #4159, American Legion Post 22 of Saginaw, Charter Member of Amvets Post #13 of Higgins Lake and the Grayling Moose Lodge #1162. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enjoyed bowling and loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and snowmobiler.
 He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Marjorie (Richard) Schultz of Saginaw; three sons: Donald L. (Cheryl) of Saginaw, Paul J. (Karen) of Hemlock, and Kenneth R. (Becky) of Saginaw; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert A. Pringle; a grandson, Brett Pringle; four brothers and two sisters.
 Funeral services were held Nov. 22, 1997 at the Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Oliver W. "Wes" Hayes, II
 Oliver W. "Wes" Hayes, II, 78, of Beaver Creek Township, died Nov. 30, 1997 at his son's home in Okemos after a brief illness.
 He was born in Alma to Oliver and Maude Hayes on June 9, 1919.
 Mr. Hayes attended Ferris State College and was employed by the United States Postal Service, retiring in 1987. A Veteran of World War II, Oliver served with distinction in the U.S. Sixth Army in the liberation of New Guinea, Solomon's Campaign, and the Liberation of the Philippines. He was a member of the Mount Hope Lutheran Church, American Forest Foundation, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Nature Conservancy, and the Audubon Society. He had a life-long love of the outdoors and a special interest in forest management and conservation.
 He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia; three sons: Robert, Oliver, Gregory; daughters-in-law, Deborah Netters Hayes, and Debra Norton Hayes; five grandchildren: Emily, Zachary, Whitney, Taylor and Samuel; and special cousin, Mary Dart of Lapeer.
 Mr. Hayes was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Maude Hayes; his brother, Robert; and his sister, Jayne.
 A memorial celebration of his life will be held at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling on Dec. 5th at 2 p.m. There will be no visitation. The family will greet callers at the Church after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Crawford County Library, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, or a charity of choice.

Card of Thanks

Members of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club thank all 700 hunters and the following businesses who sponsored this years Orangecoot Roundup: Holiday Inn of Grayling, Gannon Broadcasting, The Red Barn, Ole Damn Party Store, Sylvester's, Warbler Way Inn, Lone Pine Restaurant, Pointe North Motel, Scher Motors, Comfort Center, Mercy Hospital, Spike's Keg-O-Nails, McClellan Hardware, Rochette's IGA, John-Al Construction, Grayling Entertainment, The Avalanche.

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George C. Phillips
 George C. Phillips, 61, died on Nov. 26, 1997.
 He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons: Daniel (Nicole), and Steven; daughters: Theresa (Michael) Hendron, and Janice (Paul) Gudenau; seven granddaughters; brother, Roger (Bernice); his parents, Mr. & Mrs. George N. Phillips; and mother-in-law, Mrs. Marc Malloy.

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Andrea Heinitz, Tony Doremire are married

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The maid of honor was Heather Schulz, Gregory. Bridesmaids were Melanie Mollett, Pickney; Kecia Bronson, Plainwell; and Tara Sikma, Allendale.

Kirk Annis, Grayling, was best man. Groomsmen were Ron Doe, Steve Stancil, and Eric Swander, all of Grayling.

Taylor Doremire, the bridegroom's niece, was the flower girl.

Newlyweds greeted guests at a reception at Hankerd Hills Golf Course.

The bride, a 1994 graduate of Stockbridge High School, has completed three years at Grand Valley State University and is working toward a degree in Communications and English. She also completed Travel Agency School this summer and plans to work in the travel industry.

The bridegroom graduated from Grayling High School in 1990, and Grand Valley State University in 1996 with a B.S. degree in Occupational Health and Safety Management. He is employed by Leprino Foods in Grand Rapids.

The couple makes their home in Grand Rapids.



Mr. & Mrs. Duke LaMotte
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE — Duke and Carol LaMotte of Grayling observed their silver wedding anniversary on Dec. 9. They have four children: John Herrick and Missy, Kim Reynolds and Steve, Curt Lamotte and Kris, and Lisa Kreger and Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. LaMotte also have five grandchildren: John W., Tyson, Jordan, Chess and KayLee.

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Doremire, Heinitz are married

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Pvt. Joseph M. Collen, son of James W. and Sandy S. Collen of Grayling recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Collen successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Collen and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Collen spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Collen and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and

professional conduct

Collen and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Collen joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year all over the country.

He is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School

Bruce A. Dale III a graduate from Grayling High School enlisted into the Michigan Army National Guard on Nov. 26, 1997 as a track vehicle repairer. He is assigned to the 1071st Maintenance Company at Camp Grayling. He will be attending basic training at Fort Knox, Kent, beginning Feb. 5, 1998. His job training as a track vehicle repairer will take place immediately following basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. Bruce is currently employed at Upper Lakes Tires, Grayling.

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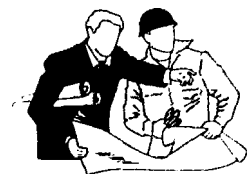
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Seniors: add food safety to the menu

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The reason is that as we grow older, our immune systems don't work as well to fight off illness. So wherever you eat, protect yourself from food-borne illness by following these food safety examples:

"How would you like your burger?" Always order it well-cooked, and then check to be sure there is no pink in the middle. If so, have them recook

it. And never eat raw meat, poultry or seafood such as steak tartare, raw oysters, or sushi.

"Leftovers." After eating, you have some wonderful food left to take with you. Whether it is presented to you in a foil "swan," a styrofoam box, or you wrap it in a napkin for your purse or pocket (which many people still do), take it straight home and put it in the refrigerator. Bacteria grows rapidly on unrefrigerated foods.

"Check for cleanliness." Look around when you go in a restaurant. Dirty floor? Waiters or servers in soiled clothing? Any evidence of insects? Odds are the kitchen is even worse and the food may not be prepared under sanitary conditions. Plan to eat somewhere else.

"Raw or undercooked eggs" can be health hazards due to possible salmonella problems.

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Sunnyside-up eggs can be a culprit, as well as Caesar salads, hollandaise sauce, some custards, or any food that contains uncooked eggs. Ask your waiter or waitress if you're not sure about an item on the menu.

"Careful, this plate is really hot!" A common warning that you should certainly heed. However, make sure your food is also piping hot when it's delivered. If it's not, send it back.

For safety's sake, remember three simple guidelines—keep hot foods hot; keep cold foods cold, and keep foods clean. They could save your life.

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COA Christmas dinner set

Crawford County Commission on Aging's Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, serving will be at two different times - 12:30 and 5 p.m. The menu will be strawberry-glazed ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls lettuce and fruit salads and

cherry cheesecake. Tina Kennedy will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The suggested donation for seniors will be \$2 and the charge for non-seniors will be \$3.50. Please call for reservations at 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 or stop in.

Frankenmuth trip planned

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is planning a delightful trip to Frankenmuth on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, to visit Bronner's Christmas Shoppe, see the decorations of the town and have lunch at Zehnders.

Instead of renting a van or bus, the Commission on Aging has decided to car-pool and have a couple of drivers already lined up. If you would like to go on the trip and/or would be able to drive, please let us know by phone, 348-7123, or stop in and sign up.

COA bad weather policy

Basically, our policy of closing is based on the school closing. If the schools are closed, then we are closed. In the event the COA offices have to close early (or can't open at all), announcements will be made on both radio stations and on local TV channels.

Home-delivered meal recipients are provided with extra meals for their freezer to tide them over on such snow-days and we will call them to make sure they are prepared.

Every effort will also be made to contact our regular congregate people to let them know we are not open and to

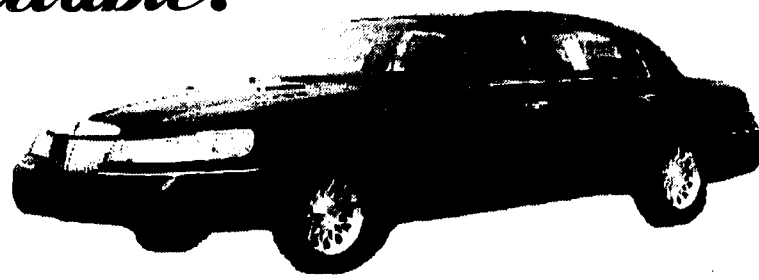
make sure that they have food in the house.

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DNR's Duane Brooks retires but, probably not for long

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When asked what his plans were for retirement after years as a state forestry officer, Duane Brooks just laughed, and said he didn't know what it meant yet.

He came to Grayling from the Lansing area in 1960, having spent a few years at Michigan State University, with his sights set on becoming a conservation officer. Before that, he spent a handful of years in the U. S. Army.

His first job with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was working summers on the Creel Census as a researcher for the Fisheries Division. The seasonal job was tagging fish, monitoring growth and weight and estimating fish populations on the AuSable. When the DNR opened a full time position, they offered him the job.

The next four seasons were spent on the South Branch and the main stream of the river, the sampling being done in Grayling, but the winter months being worked in Lewiston. There, he compiled data and did experimental research for another four years before transferring to the DNR Field Office in Grayling, Fire Division, on April 1, 1968.

Brooks assumed the position of Forest Fire Officer. At one time, there were four fire towers in the area, but the last of these towers — North Down River Road — was abandoned in the late 1960s and the use of airplanes instituted instead.

"I was only on the job a few months, when we had the Fletcher and Billman Road fires. Billman was arson, and the Fletcher Road fire was caused by a welder doing work on a bulldozer while working on the pipeline. They both were in May of 1968," he recalled.

Once he moved to Grayling permanently, Brooks volunteered to join the Grayling Fire Department in 1969.

"I find fighting fires a challenge," he said, and, "am just thankful that none of my people have ever been killed or hurt badly on the job."

When questioned about the mortal dangers of fire fighting, Brooks declined to elaborate on "the close calls I've had." One does not seriously press for answers when the subject of the interview appears to measure roughly 6'-5" against a door jamb in his sock feet; not even when his lap is filled with a big yellow tabby called "Mort" does one continue in that particular direction.

"We've had a lot of fires over the years, but a very big year for fires was 1975. We had several that May. We had one on North Down River Road and one on Bald Hill. The Michigan National Guard will remember those. And, we had one on Sharon Road in Kalkaska. Combined, they burned through 6,000 acres," he said.

In 1988, Brooks became the Area Supervisor for the Forest Management Division of the Fire Service. His territory covered Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco counties, and the three fire stations — Grayling, Mio, and Lincoln — were under his command.

"The Forest Service is responsible for the State campgrounds, the clearing and maintaining of snowmobile trails and some ORV trails. Our people also design and build fire equipment. We use existing chassis, mainly surplus military, and build up from there. Camp Grayling has two of the trucks we built through a cooperative agreement with them," he said.

The equipment is built in Roscommon at the Forest Fire Experimental Station. Brooks said that Michigan was the leading state for having mechanized fire fighting equipment.

"With so much jack pine, we'll always have fires. And because of fires, we'll always have jack pine — that's how they reproduce. Fortunately, we have an excellent Key Man Program," he said.

This is a program Brooks will continue with himself on a paid-volunteer basis. When a volunteer is called to a fire, the State's Worker's Compensation benefits are triggered for that volunteer, and they also draw an hourly wage for the time on the job.

This special program, according to Brooks, consists of dependable, highly trained firefighters who do not work for the DNR, but do work with the fire service component during fires. Howard Taylor, John Stamfly, Bernie Fowler, Todd Hatfield, and a few others staff the program regularly.

"The DNR is and has been short of manpower, so we'll always need people like them," he said.

Fire fighting, Brooks claims, is a process of continuous education and training, and it's often difficult for people to take that much time away from their families in order to qualify.

"When we respond to fires in other states, it's all volunteer. But to fight fires elsewhere, the fire fighter must be upgraded physically beyond what Michigan requires of them. When you work the 'hot line' — or directly on the fire, those extra requirements make a lot of difference," he said.

"WHEREAS, he (Brooks) has completed thousands of hours of training and fire fighting service to Crawford County and has achieved the rank of Assistant Chief of the Volunteer Department and continues to serve in that capacity," is just one part of a Citizen's Resolution of



Duane Brooks

Appreciation being extended to Brooks on behalf of the City of Grayling. The testimonial says he has served since Nov. 24, 1969, but he plans — even though he's retiring from the DNR — to continue to serve the Grayling City-Township Fire Department, as well as the DNR Fire Services Division.

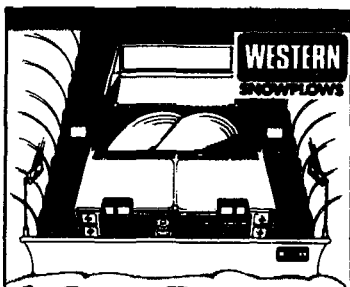
"I had my house built in 1970, and the fire department helped me finish it. There's a lot of talent there, and we help each other with remodeling and building jobs," he said.

Brooks is also a cooking enthusiast. He says he serves up a special meal for the fire department once a month, and is quite proud of his large collection of cookbooks.

Brooks has other hobbies — woodworking and fishing; hunting too, with the same shotgun he received from his parents for graduation in 1952. He's a member of Michelson Memorial Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Association, and the American Legion. His parents, Frederick (95) and Mildred (92) died last spring.

"Friends," he expressed without a bit of uncertainty in his words, "are my best asset."

This seems to be Brooks' lifetime motto. It is evident by the words of the "Resolution" which state that "Duane Brooks has provided a level of service which is an example for all current and future volunteer fire fighters," that others feel the same about him.



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Rezoning of land sought for multiple unit housing

A developer from Haslett is petitioning the city of Grayling for rezoning of property on Meadows Dr. to permit construction of 48 apartment units.

P. K. Housing and Management Co., headquartered in the suburb of Lansing, informed the city it has an option to purchase the land, and intends to put up 24 family units and 24 senior citizen housing units on the site.

A public hearing on the petition has been set for Jan. 12, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall.

The property is now zoned as C-2 commercial, and the zoning sought

is R-2 residential.

The city has no planning commission, and the City Council acts as one.

The property in question is vacant, and is across Meadows Ave., from The Meadows of Grayling health care facility.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: It is better to rise to the occasion than hit the ceiling.

We hope that all of you had a very pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. Our annual Thanksgiving dinners were well attended with over 160 people coming to eat, drink and be merry! Many of them already signed up for the Christmas dinners that are being held on Dec. 16th, again at 12:30 and 5 p.m. Call for reservations and specify which time you want to come. I might mention that we will be serving strawberry-glazed ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls, lettuce and fruit salads and cherry cheesecake.

We would also like to remind you that during this joyous holiday season, please take time to remember those friends and relatives who would enjoy a call or visit and help make this a happier season for both your and someone you care about.

An early reminder that the Center will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays on Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st. Home delivered meals will be sent out the day before for each of the holidays that we will be closed.

Happenings at the Center and

announcements of things to come: Center happenings: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday Brunch on the 7th with French toast on the menu; SHARE sign-up from 10 to 2 at the Center on the 8th; Speaker on winter safety at 12:15 on the 9th as well as a movie at 3:30 with "Crocodile Dundee"; Foot Clinic by appointment and Birthday Luncheon on the 10th; Blood pressures and sugars taken from 11 to noon and RSVP book sale and COA crafts from 10 to 4 on the 11th; Frederic satellite on the 12th.

Join us for meals; we serve at noon and 5 on Monday thru Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner:
December:
3 - Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken
4 - Pot Roast/Liver & Onions
5 - Baked Ham/no dinner
8 - Fish Fillets/ Roast Pork
9 - Stuffed Turkey/Chopped Sirloin
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11 - Roast Beef/Ham Loaf
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Eagles winners

The Grayling Eagles #3465 held their Deer Hunters Ball Raffle with the following results: first prize, Waldo Mansfield; second prize, Phil Watson; third prize, Bob Knight; and fourth prize, Phil & Vicki Lewis.

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Brayling Christmas Home Tour

Holiday Home Tour will feature five of Grayling's finest houses

Again this year, five of the Grayling area's finest and most interesting residences will be featured on Grayling's Christmas Home Tour.

Sponsored by Grayling Uptown District Association, the Home Tour will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Descriptions of the homes are featured on this special Northern Notes page of this week's edition of the *Avalanche*.

The pen and ink drawings were executed by Terry Dickinson, now of Hot Springs, Ark., and formerly of Grayling.

The homes open for visit Sunday are:

Richard and Roni McLeod, located at Fox Run Golf Course

development.

Fred and Pam Fisher, located on Beaver Rd. south of Grayling in Beaver Creek Township.

Dave and Jill Wyman, located in downtown Grayling at 604 Peninsular St.

Kim and Denise Parkinson, on AuSable Trail west of Grayling, located on the AuSable river.

Gary and Lynn McConnell, located on Danish Landing Rd., west of Grayling.

An "Admission Passport" will be necessary to visit the homes, and only 250 tickets will be sold. Cost is \$7.50 each, and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, Flowers by Josie, Frammer II, J. Dap and Company, Mary's Corner Book Swap and Gifts, Spikes, and Gannon

Broadcasting.

Dial-A-Ride buses will be available for those who need transportation, at \$1 each. Buses will leave from the Historical Museum at 1:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Certain rules also must be followed by those making the Holiday Home Tour.

Photographs are not permitted inside any of the homes.

No smoking and no bare feet will be permitted in the homes.

Children under 10 years of age are not allowed on the tour.

Co-chairs of the Home Tour are Nancy Carlisle, Mary Coy and Ernie Dawson for GUDA.

Proceeds from the Home Tour will be used by GUDA for street beautification projects.



Richard & Roni McLeod

This home is located on the ninth fairway at Fox Run Golf Course. It was completed in the fall of 1996. The home has a contemporary style decor with a black and white ceramic kitchen, and a ceramic and marble fireplace that Roni designed herself. Roni's fun contemporary style is exhibited in her work throughout the house.

Her designs of wearable art and art quilts will really catch imagination. The family room has an African theme that centers around Roni's "Serengeti" art quilt. Christmas warmth adorns the many rooms and the cheery fire in the fireplace extends holiday greetings to the visitor.

Directions: Take I-75 South to Four Mile Rd. exit. Turn right on Four Mile Rd. Go 8/10 of a mile to Fox Run Dr., make a left - it is the 2nd house on the right.



Fred & Pam Fisher

This home has a comfortable, simple "Up North" decor. They have created the feeling you would have after long walk in the woods on a crisp fall day, a walk that you could take right outside the back door of this spacious home.

Arriving home to nestle in a big chair, with the warmth of the fireplace, a good book to read, and a steaming cup of hot cocoa will make for a perfect ending to a long day. This nest has a homey, relaxed atmosphere in the heart of the north. Coming home for Christmas is always a warm and cherished experience at the Fisher home.

Directions: From the McLeod's make a left on Four Mile Rd. as you exit Fox Run Dr., go 1 1/2 miles to the stop sign a Military Rd., turn left and go 5/10 of a mile to Beaver Rd. make a right and travel 1 4/10 miles. Turn left.



Dave & Jill Wyman

Dave and Jill Wyman purchased the Hanson House in March of 1997 from Howard and Debby Belnap. The Belnap's had refurbished the home back to much of its original grandeur, and made it into a Bed and Breakfast. Owning an "Old Home" has been a dream of Jill's for years, and fortunately, Dave was charmed by this beautiful Victorian home also.

The Hanson home was lumber baron Rasmus Hanson's gift to his wife in 1880. You will enjoy the ornately carved woodwork and staircase. The leaded and stained glass beveled windows and the carved fireplaces with roman tile are a must see. Many of the walls have original wall murals depicting scenes of the Danish countryside, where Mr. Hanson was born. You will surely take a step back into the past when you visit the Hanson Home.

Directions: 604 Peninsular Street, just across the street from St. Mary's Catholic Church.



Kim & Denise Parkinson

This spacious home has the perfect northern setting, with the AuSable River wrapping itself around three sides of the property, giving over 850 ft. of frontage to the 2 1/2 acre lot.

With cathedral ceilings and arched topped windows, the decor is a tasteful blend of country and Victorian. The home is gracefully furnished with antiques that give a sense of elegance. A seasonal blend of Christmas decorations spreading holiday warmth throughout lends itself to a comfortable experience.

Directions: Take M-72 West to AuSable Trail and turn right at the stop sign - it is the first house on the right.



Gary & Lynn McConnell

The Victorian Era is alive again with this three story newer home set in a wooded backdrop. The brick driveway leads you to the full front porch and etched glass front door. With music greeting you from entrance to exit, the 10' ceilings throughout the main floor gives the appearance of days gone by.

Several antique furniture pieces grace many of the rooms. A gas insert distributes heat from the brick fireplace that is the living room focal point. Cherry cabinets in the kitchen offset the beautiful oak floors, doors and woodwork. Handmade quilts and crochet coverlet grace the beds. The feeling of the holiday season is shown throughout.

Directions: From the Clark gas station on the corner of Lake St. and James St., take M-72 West to Danish Landing Rd. (3 & 2/10 miles), turn left and travel 8/10 mile to a large yellow Victorian House on your left.

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Young but experienced

Grayling boys basketball looks toward fresh start

by Dave Golnick,
Student Writer

The Grayling Viking's boys basketball teams are preparing for yet another season, with Head Coach Rich Moffit expecting to improve over last year's 6-15 record.

The Vikings will be in a new conference this year, the North Eastern Michigan Conference (NEMC). The competition will be fierce, but Grayling hopes to see a possible playoff berth.

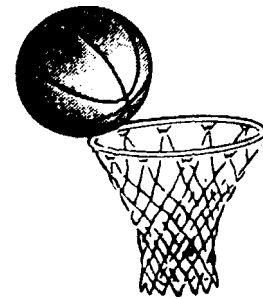
Coach Moffit said the Vikings are an experienced but young team, because most of the returning starters from last season were either freshmen or sophomores.

The coach said, "We cannot play a power game because of our lack of size, and so quickness is a key strength for us."

Coach Moffit added, "There are two important keys this year, which are defense and poise. If we let up on the defensive end of the court, we will be in trouble. Even though we have an experienced team, we are still very young, therefore we must play with poise and savvy, which is sometimes harder for younger teams."

It is hard to predict how Grayling will do in the NEMC, but it is known that the teams they will be playing are tough and have good size. Coach Moffit said, "Our kids need to prepare to battle every night." And about the size of the NEMC teams, "If we can keep our press defense tight, we will be in a good situation because our kids will be well disciplined and will have a strong work ethic."

"It should be an interesting year," Moffit concluded.



Here's the team, with a comment from Coach Moffit for each player:

Nate Hinkle—6'3" sophomore shooting guard. Averaged 13 points per game (PPG) as a freshman on Varsity last year. All-Conference selection.

Brad Ritter—6'3" junior forward. Averaged 7 ppg and 7 rebounds per game (RPG) as a sophomore on Varsity. Honorable mention All-Conference, best rebounder on team.

Eli Tobin—5'10" sophomore point guard. Averaged 4 ppg and 6 assists per game (APG) in Varsity tournament last year. A solid defender who can shoot the three-pointer.

Travis Parkinson—5'11" senior point guard. Averaged 3 ppg and 4 apg last year. He is very quick and an excellent defender.

Nate Beckwith—6'1" junior forward. Averaged 9.5 ppg as a sophomore on Varsity. He is an excellent shooter off the dribble, and has the ability to take the ball to the bucket.

Travis Huber—5'11" junior forward. A top notch defender who will be assigned to guard the opponents top player.

Jeremy Millikin—6'0" junior guard. Solid ball handler and defender who can knock down the three point shot.

Adam Knapp—6'4" sophomore center. Good low post player and a solid rebounder.

Jeremy Jones—5'11" junior guard. Good defender, takes the ball to the basket well.

Mike Ostwald—6'0" junior forward. Excellent defender with great leaping ability.

Pete Mead—5'10" junior point guard. Solid defender who runs the floor well.

Rob Dent—5'11" senior forward. Good outside shooter.

Gordon Elsner—5'11" senior guard. Plays with heart and determination.

The Vikings' first game is on Dec. 9 at Roscommon, and their first home game is Dec. 16 against Gladwin.

Meet the team, enjoy spaghetti

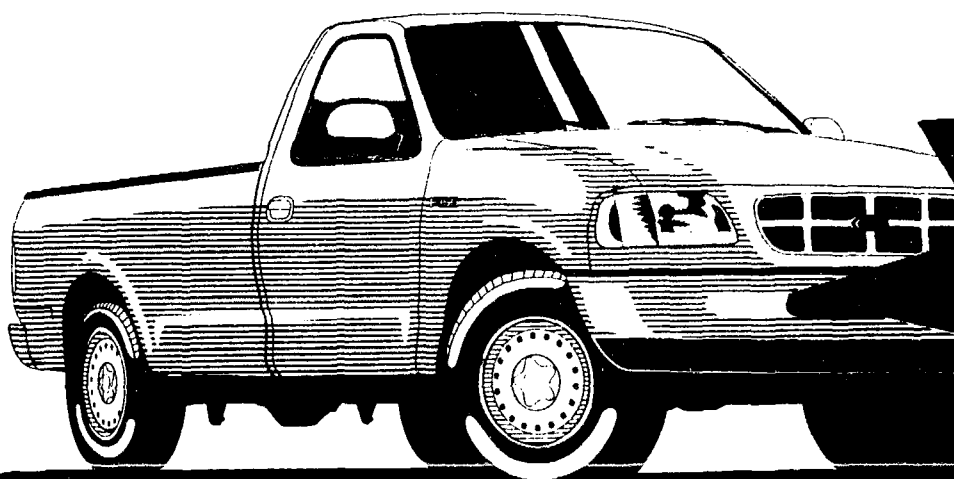
Grayling basketball fans are invited to Meet the Team — and eat a spaghetti dinner — Friday, Dec. 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Grayling High School.

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The event is sponsored by the Boys Basketball Spirit Club. Tickets are \$15 for a family, \$3 for children, \$5 for adults.

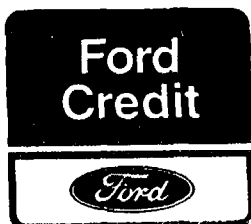
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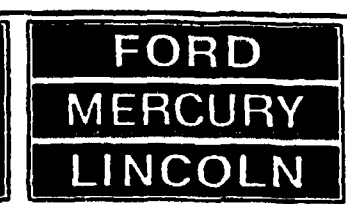
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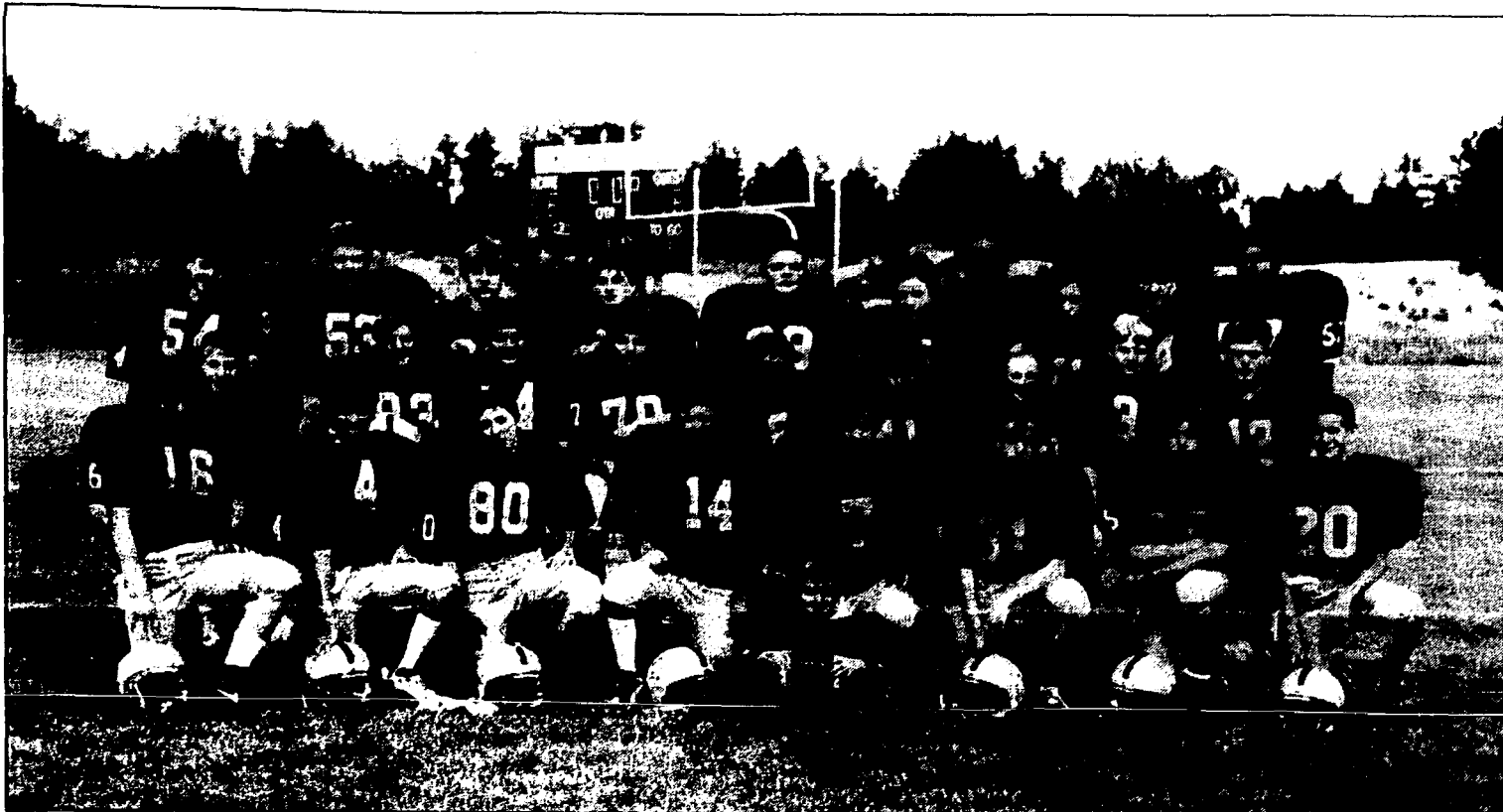
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Varsity Redskins ready to move up

The Grayling Redskins 8th grade Varsity team held the annual banquet last month to honor the first Redskins class to play 4 years of football from the 5th to 8th grades.

The 1997 team finished the season with a 3-5 overall record, with three of the losses by one touchdown or less.

Head Coach Tom Haskel said that this Redskins class showed tremendous potential when playing against the S.A.M. Football League Southern Conference teams and will be very competitive when they enter high school next year.

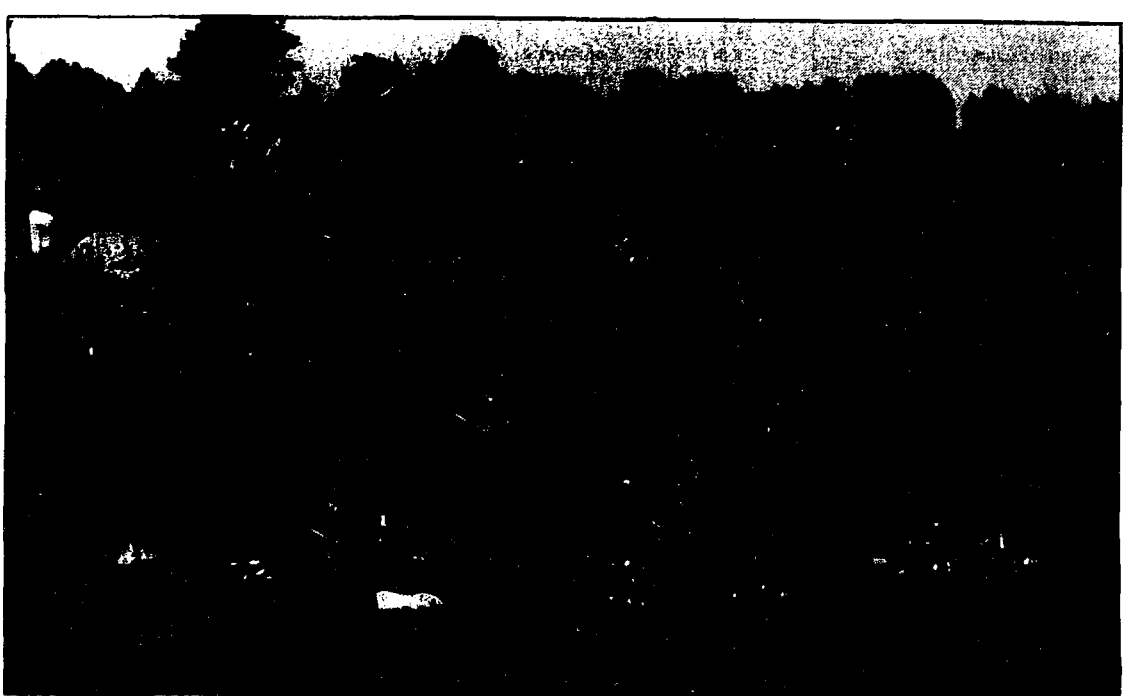
Haskel was assisted in the coaching department by Offensive Coordinator, Mike Johnson, Defensive Coordinator, Larry Baynham and Special Teams Coach, John Peterson.

Receiving awards for the Varsity team were the following players: Most Valuable Player, Jimmi Welch, Offensive Player of the Year, Chris McGuire, Defensive Player of the Year, Marvin Forbes, Most Improved Player of the Year, Nick D'Amour, Rookie of the Year, Ryan Swope, Catch of the Year, T.J. Johnson, 12th Man Award, Chris Malone, Co-Hustle Awards, Andy Palmer and Matt Kersey, Special Teams Award, Juell Joseph, 110% Effort Award, Ben McNally, Toughness Award, Josh Peterson.

Coach Johnson indicated that flanker Mike Hale, tight end Keil Clough, running back to the offensive success of the team.

Coach Baynham noted that tackle Ben Sheldon and safety Damien Flieschman were key performers on defense.

Coach Haskel saw quarterback Chet Wheeler and running back R.J. Schmidt as players who gave a solid team effort during the course of the year.



REDSKINS CHEERLEADERS -- (front, L to R) Doni Gates, Rosa Sownlewski, Amanda Millikin, (middle) Amber Moore, Andria Alvarez, (back) Tiffany Pizzi, Sheryl Zarick, Shalee Cox, Coach Sheila Cox, Ashlee Cox and Alesha Wargo.

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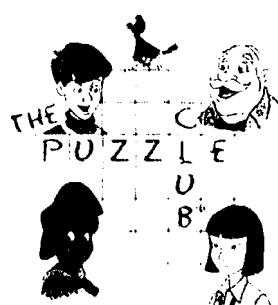
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CARTOON LEAGUE — 1997 Turkey winners (L to R): Brittney Turner, Brittany Yanello, Jacob Armstrong, and Joshua Mastej.



Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	41-11
Computer Services.....	36-15
M.M.L.D.....	29-23
C.S.I.....	27-25
R & M Masonary.....	27-25
Gary's Drywall.....	21-31
Suttles Truck Leasing.....	18-34
Bye.....	9-43
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 223;	
R. Adkinson, 200; B. Starks, 197.	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner,	
244; M. Miller, 231; A. Doty, 196.	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner,	
616; M. Miller, 559; D. Ashworth,	
498.	

Senior Citizens League

Tees N' Such R' Us.....	31 1/2-20 1/2
Stevens Family Circle.....	31-21
Bucilli's Pizza.....	29-23
Baynham Wood Products.....	27-25
Cornell Realty.....	25-27
Totten's Body Shop.....	22 1/2-29 1/2
Sylvester's Sports.....	22-30
Flowers by Josie.....	20-32
Men's High Game: L. Essiambre,	
226; D. Germain, A.J. Hall, 210; P.	
Mead, 209.	
Men's High Series: D. Germain, 570;	
R. Dandy, 542; P. Mead, 533.	
Women's High Game: M. Biron, 177;	
L. Dandy, 176; R. Joyce, 175.	
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 484;	
M. Biron, 446; D. Hall, 441.	

Recreation League

Mickey Perez CPA.....	32-20
Cornell's.....	29-23
Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	27-23
Peterson Saw Service.....	26-26
Glen's Market.....	25-27
Scheer Motors.....	24-28
Mark 8.....	23-29
North Country R.V.....	22-30
High Game: L. Dellar, 204, 191; K.	
Moshier, 191; G. Neilson, 183.	
High Series: A. Dellar, 550, K.	
Moshier, 514; S. Sumner, 492.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	37-15
Jackson Trio.....	33-19
C.S.I.....	30-22
Airway Automation.....	28-24
Moshier Auto.....	26 1/2-25 1/2
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	25-27
A Team.....	14-38
Barber Construction.....	13 1/2-38 1/2
High Game: A. Angove, 254; D.	
Barrett, 237; R. Schreiber, 203.	
High Series: A. Angove, 643; T.	
Devins, 538; R. Buskirk, 522.	

American Men's League

McLean's Ace.....	26-9
Fenton's Auto.....	22-13
Burnside RV.....	20-15
Auto Parts.....	19-16
Upper Lakes.....	15-20
Northwood Land.....	14-21
Red Barn.....	12-23
Stitches by Sue.....	12-23
High Game: P. Hetrick, 233; W.	
Johnson, 209; T. Kotrash, 205.	
High Series: P. Hetrick, 578; T.	
Kotrash, 568; T. Devins, 561.	

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ACTION LEAGUE — 1997 Turkey winners (L to R): Jeff Hoesle, Jason Arwood, Glenn Cousins, and Carmen Romain.



COMEDY LEAGUE — 1997 Turkey winners (L to R): Shane Isenbauer, Tiffany Davis, Jonathon Handy, and Tiffany Maggo.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Comedy League

Black Sheep.....	20-7
Tin Cups.....	18-9
Clerk's.....	16-11
Nutty Professors.....	15-12
Spy's.....	15-12
Space Jamers.....	11-16
Wild Natures.....	8-19
Paul Bearers.....	5-22
High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 131;	
Female: K. Davis, 108.	
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 242;	
Female: K. Davis, 212.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J.	
Fairbotham, 45; Female: B.	
Reichelderf, 52.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J.	
Fairbotham, 0; Female: T. Davis, 16.	

Cartoon League

Looney Tunes.....	23-4
Ninja's.....	20-7
Scooby Doo's.....	18-9
3 Stooges.....	11 1/2-15 1/2
Goose Bumps.....	11-16
Aristocats.....	11-16
Rug Rats.....	8 1/2-18 1/2
Flintstones.....	5-22
High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 136;	
Female: A. Turner, 94.	
High Series: Male: J. Lobsinger, 231;	
Female: B. Yanniello, 169.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J.	
Lobsinger, 50; Female: B. Yanniello,	
53.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: C.	
Turner, 37; Female: B. Yanniello, 55.	

Action League

Men in Black.....	28-8
Lethal Weapons.....	27-9
Strike 2 Judgments.....	24-12
J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	15-21
Natural Born Killers.....	14-22
Phantoms.....	14-22
Women in Black.....	14-22
Kung Fu Mania.....	8-28
High Game: Male: D.J. Canfield,	
208; Female: N. Strohpaal, B.	
Baumgardner, 158.	
High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield	
457; Female: N. Strohpaal, 438.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: D.J.	
Canfield, 75; Female: B. Baumgardner,	
52.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: D.J.	
Canfield, 58; Female: B.	
Baumgardner, 91.	



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Overall totals after week #13 (players with 100 points or more)

170 points: Donnie Forbes.	Denyce Krolczyk, Jeremy Latuszek,	138 points: Karen Curtis, Jerry
168 points: Julie Gates.	Vicki Lewis, Roy McIntosh, Ron	Gildner, John Smock, Arnold Stancil.
167 points: Jon Thompson.	Schrieber.	137 points: Jan Grigsby, Joyce
166 points: Rodney Adkison, Carol	151 points: Gary Derenzy, Tim	Lindberg.
LaMotte.	Galloway.	135 points: Jamie Anderson.
165 points: Robert A. Gennrich, Kim	150 points: Joseph Goniea, Lance	134 points: Robert Mead, Rick
Schmidt, Alf Svenson, Rod Wade.	Harmer, Fred Krolkowski, Rick Nash,	Millikin, Jack Sioff.
163 points: Nancy Gingerick, Mark	Dave Sharpe, Lacey Stephan, Tony	133 points: J&J Millikin, Brian
Hartman, Doug Latuszek, Harold	Thomson.	Joeske, Mike Retz, Ray Waite.
Marquardt, Dave Peterson.	149 points: Chad Bonamie, Brenda	132 points: Lois Davis, Janet Hanson.
162 points: Rebecca Bond.	Curtis, Doug Donaldson, Robert C.	130 points: Jennifer Harris, Mary
161 points: Carol Conklin, Cathy	Gennrich, Dave Golnick, Sherry	Ellen Swartz, Shirley Welke.
Kniss, Annette Metzger, Nick	Harney.	129 points: Beverly Fagan, Marv
Mihaesen, Kenneth Polley, Aaron	148 points: Kyle Bond, Chris Cragg,	Forbes, Justin Hanes, Dennis Kuhn.
Raymond.	Sandi Enos, Louise Hatfield, Betty	128 points: Darlene Latuszek, T.J.
160 points: Mary Brown, Mike	MacLeod, Ronald MacLeod, Harry	Rankin.
D'Amour, Ron Hall, Rob Lawe, Dick	MacLeod, John St. Clair, Dave Svensen.	127 points: Paul Elekonich, Donald
Miller, Larry Rouse, Ken Smith, Tom	147 points: Teresa Bonamie, Matt	Hibberd, Nancy Root.
Weaver, Michael Wiles.	Cragg, Howard Guyett, Ron Metzger,	126 points: Jean Arwood, Donn
159 points: Larry Curtis.	Joan Neal.	Handy.
158 points: Rick Anderson, Butch	146 points: Kelly Curtis, Kimberly	125 points: Paula Nettleton.
Brown, John Cottenham, Wayne	Curtis, Greg Gothro, Laurie Jensen,	124 points: Jeanne Hamilton, Don
Davis, John Keir, Tom St. Germain,	Doug McMurtie, Brett Mead, Arnold	Kernstock.
Tom Winchester.	Randall, Bob Root.	123 points: Dennis Henning.
157 points: Chris Golnick, Joe	145 points: Melanie Cragg, Vickie	120 points: June Rouse.
Thompson, Joe Whelton, John	Mrazik, Toni Stephan.	119 points: Glenn Miller.
Wireman.	144 points: Rose Gildner, Ron	118 points: Tina Nelson.
156 points: Jan Annis, Christopher	Wyman.	117 points: Rick Mrazik.
Callahan, Mark McEvers, Gary	143 points: Steve Anderson, Jr., Bruce	116 points: Mat Evon.
Nettleton, Robert Wargo, Jr., Joy	Armstrong, Pamela Hull, Matt Keir,	111 points: Carla Finkle, Marilyn
Wright.	Matt Kersey.	Hawkins.
155 points: Harry Froum, Brent	142 points: Kim Guernsey, J.C. King,	110 points: Steve Czapek, Krystel
Kernstock, D.J. Metzger, Judy Myers,	Tracy Randall, Brad Trenary.	Davis.
Aaron Peterson, Ross Thompson,	141 points: Larry Davis, Jr., Arrow	109 points: Vickie Potter.
Duane Wales.	Francisco, Mike Harmer, Kevin	108 points: Corey Harmer, Bill
154 points: Jeanne Bulmer, Brian	Hunter, Mary Kersey, Philip Lewis,	Noeske.
Kernstock, Jerry Roman.	Mac McCluskey.	107 points: Paul Hartman.
153 points: Joanna Cottenham, Ralph	140 points: Denise Boonie, Larry	104 points: Kyle Curtis, Sandy
Krolczyk, Irv Melsaac, Pat Merrill,	Davis, Sr., Paul Hamlin, Curt LaMotte,	Gennrich.
Lyndell Robinson.	Al Leng, Carol Rice.	103 points: Jim Brown, Theresa
152 points: Steve Anderson, Kenneth	139 points: Beverly McIntosh, Darrell	Fijolek.
Conklin, Moe Enos, Reda Francisco,	Metzger, Conrad Seidel.	100 points: Arkie Crismon.

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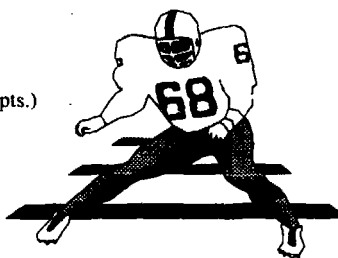
Football Contest

Brandi Lewis was the winner of week # 14, with a total of 19 correct. This was the first time this year that she had played, also. Samantha Davis followed with 18 correct, and Shirley Welke, Paula Nettleton, Brett Mead and Denyce Krolczyk also followed with 17 correct. These people must have had some lucky picks, because there were a lot of low scores, with very few getting all of the bonus points. Better luck this week!

Overall leaders through Week #14

Last week's winners:

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| 1. Jacksonville (56) | 10. Pittsburgh |
| 2. Philadelphia | 11. Tampa Bay (2 pts.) |
| 3. New England | 12. Denver |
| 4. New Orleans | 13. Notre Dame |
| 5. Buffalo (3 pts.) | 14. Tennessee |
| 6. St. Louis | 15. Virginia |
| 7. Kansas City | 16. Syracuse |
| 8. Atlanta | 17. Georgia |
| 9. Miami (50) | 18. Michigan St. (63) (3 pts.) |



- Julie Gates, 182
Rodney Adkinson, 179
Donnie Forbes, 179
Nancy Gingerick, 179
Mark Hartman, 179
Robert A. Gennrich, 177
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Kim Schmidt, 177
Dave Peterson, 176
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Game 18	

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Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18)

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For The Week Of Nov. 30-Dec. 6

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Feeling bored? It could be time for a change of venue. Something that seems intrusive and unfair could turn out for the best. When put to the test later this week, you'll really shine. Be careful of a close friend's feelings—your words could cause deep wounds.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

You have two choices this week—listen to reason, or listen to your heart. Before making a decision, try to discover a way to reconcile the two. If that's possible, the outcome will be better than you ever dreamed. Tickle a friend's fancy with an enticing offer.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Looking to cure the busy-busy blues? Try simplifying. You may not be able to accomplish everything on your list, but you're certainly capable of the things that are most necessary.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

The urge for something new spurs you on this week. However, there's no need to go overboard. Whether you're drawn to the mall, the library or someplace else, don't blow your budget all at once. A nice change of pace will do you good.

LEO

July 23-August 23

You seem to be specializing in sticky situations this week. Although you've been blessed with more than your share recently, don't sweat it. You're due for a respite soon. Besides, you're doing a smashing job! Ask a friend for support during a particularly trying episode.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Beware your impulsives this week. The best thing you can do is to delay making important decisions. The second best thing you can do is to get an expert opinion. This weekend, keep your time unstructured—the more flexible you are, the more amazing the possibilities.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Examine your motives before speaking out about something or someone. If you're angry, hold your tongue. If not, then think twice and speak once. Above all, pay attention to details. Something small that escapes your notice could have disastrous results.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Looking for romance? It's hidden under a rock. Not literally, but it might be closer than you think. Invite a close friend to do something adventurous with you. This weekend, catch up on loose ends, even if it means missing out on something fun.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

Someone you haven't heard from in awhile gives you a call. If you're in the right place at the right time, you'll get the nod for an important assignment. Shoulder it as best you can, and you'll do just fine. Don't let yourself be limited by low expectations.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Gearing up for the holidays could be causing you stress. Treating yourself will take the edge off the tension. To organize things further, list what needs to be done, and then prioritize. Even if the list is long, it's more manageable than you think.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

A milestone approaches, making this a good time to take stock. Are you where you want to be? Do your goals feel worthwhile? If not, you're in the perfect position to make changes. Put your talents to the test, and you'll surprise everyone, including yourself.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Bucking down for the winter means completing some long-neglected chores. The sooner you finish them, the sooner you'll be able to start enjoying a fun activity that someone "has planned for you." Look to a child for some unexpected wisdom.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



RECIPE OF THE WEEK Gingerbread Cupcakes

1 3/4 C. all-purpose flour
1 C. quick or old-fashioned oats (uncooked)
1/3 C. granulated sugar
2 to 3 t. ground ginger
1 t. baking soda
3/4 t. ground cinnamon
1/2 t. salt

Heat oven to 375°F. Line 12 medium muffin cups with paper baking cups. For cupcakes, combine dry ingredients in large bowl; mix well. In medium bowl, combine milk, molasses, oil and egg; blend well. Add to dry ingredients all at once; mix until well blended. Fill muffin cups almost full. Bake 20 to 23 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack. For glaze, stir together powdered sugar and lemon juice; drizzle over cupcakes. Store loosely covered.

1/2 C. low-fat milk
1/2 C. molasses
1/3 C. vegetable oil
1 egg, lightly beaten

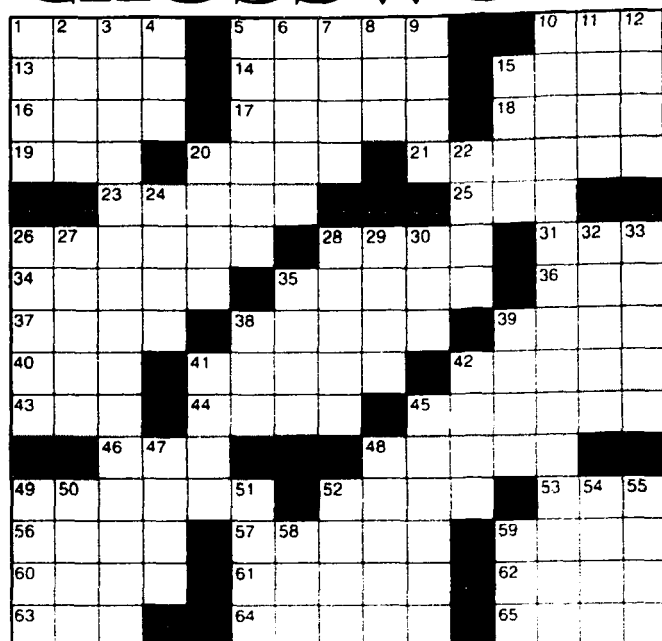
GLAZE

1 C. powdered sugar
3 to 4 t. lemon juice

Variation: Omit glaze. Cut stencil from stiff paper using a cookie cutter to trace shape. Place stencil on top of cooled cupcakes; sprinkle with powdered sugar. Lift stencil carefully to keep shape from smudging.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Diva's delight
5. Pulse
10. Oriental prince
13. "Quicker... you can say Jack Robinson"
14. Overgrown
15. River boat
16. Verdi opera
17. Church official
18. Scorch
19. Judge Bean
20. ... up (enlivens)
21. ... beloved
23. Proton donors
25. Oriental sash
26. Yearly record
28. Benefit
31. Diocese
34. Part of a Spanish family tree
35. Zeniths
36. Malay coin
37. Ending for kitchen or major
38. Weigh heavily upon
39. Mixture of smoke and fog
40. Certain degree
41. Vaulted
42. Shovel
43. Hair coloring
44. What a muscle shirt exposes
45. Part of a boiler-maker

DOWN

1. Top banana
2. Midwest state
3. 1955 Disney film
4. Not dare
5. Scottish woulens
6. Assist
7. Braves' enemies
8. Homage
9. Operation Deep Freeze commander
10. Scrooge's story
11. Objective
12. Wrong
16. Not a enemy

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

December 5, 1974

Dial-A-Ride to open in Roscommon County.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Keller of Grayling on Nov. 29, a son, Justin Craig, weighing 9 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer are the parents of a son, Michael David, born on Nov. 30, weighing 8lbs. 7 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cragg of Grayling are the parents of a son, Jon Matthew, born Dec. 2, weighing 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Grayling are the parents of a daughter, Jeanne Cary, born on Dec. 2, weighing 9 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs.

Meldon S. Pitt is named President and director of Gaylord's first new bank since 1893. The newest bank in the north. First National Bank of Gaylord.

To celebrate both the 88th birthday of Mrs. Bertha Davis, whose birthday fell on Nov. 29, and Thanksgiving, the family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shepler. Present were Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Campbell of Alpena, Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hartig, and Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Campbell, all of Grayling.

The new Service Trooper position was established in early 1974 replacing the former Cadet position. The Michigan State Police Service Trooper department has recently added 48 new troopers to interview motorist at vehicle check lane. Service Troopers are assigned various duties freeing troopers for other field work.

46 YEARS AGO

December 6, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Korenke and son, Tommy left last Friday en route to Ft. Meyers, Fla., to spend the winter. Fred has a good job for the winter as chef in one of the hotels there. They will return in the spring to again open up his restaurant known as "The Pine Grill."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richard Welsh are pleased over the arrival of

Thomas Richard Welsh the second, at Mercy Hospital on Dec. 3rd. Thomas weighed 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh of Grayling and Mrs. James DuBois of Vassar are the young man's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Knuth announce the arrival of Ronald David on his daddy's birthday, Dec. 2nd at Mercy Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. and 3 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. David Knuth of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Woodruff of Flint are the happy grandparents.

Mrs. Alfred Borchers was hostess to twenty-five boys and girls on Saturday, Dec. 1st to celebrate the birthday of her daughter Bonnie. All had a wonderful time and Bonnie received many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Peterson attended the Michigan State vs. Colorado football game on Nov. 24th.

Mrs. Harry Souders was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Frank Bond held high score and Mrs. Don Gothro second high.

69 YEARS AGO

December 6, 1928

To start out the New Year, the Board of Trade announced a potluck banquet to be given Tuesday evening. The response was overwhelming. Charles N. Hill and Emerson Brown led in community singing.

Alfred Bebb, who has been operating the Grayling Dairy the past three years, has sold the business to Axel M. Peterson. The local creamery was first established in Grayling by J.C. McDonnell in the spring of 1922. The following summer in July, Mr. McDonnell sold out to Henry W. Kelin who continued the business until August, 1925, and sold out to Mr. Bebb. Mr. Bebb has decided to purchase a farm in Durham, Canada owned by the father of Rev. J. W. Greenwood.

John LaMotte and family have moved into Grayling for the winter.

Stanely Matson has completed his course in pharmacy at Sandusky and has returned home after being in Grand

Rapids where he wrote on the state examination.

Miss Lila Ashdon, 5th grade teacher, surprised her friends when she resigned her position and was united in marriage to Arvid Johnson at Gaylord. Miss Edith Hoshier of Kalkaska has filled her position.

The Board of Trade Directors have appointed the following to work on Winter Sports: Fred Welsh, chm., Geo. Collen, L. Cushman, J. W. Greenwood, Emil Niederer, Esbern Hanson, Roy Milnes, Jess Schoonover, Frank Tetu, Herbert Gothro, Geo. Olsen, Geo. Schiable, Clarence Johnson, Harold MacNeven and Tony Nelson.

Miss Bernice Corwin a student at Edward Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, is taking a four months course at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnston of Grand Rapids are the happy parents of twin boys, born Dec. 1st. The mother, the former Miss Phoebe Johnson is a twin herself.

92 YEARS AGO

December 7, 1905

The mercury was registered at 4 degrees on Thanksgiving morning but the day was beautiful. Friday morning it was 2 degrees below zero.

The Presbyterian Church society is daily expecting a furnace to put in the basement of their church which it is hoped will prove an improvement in the heating of the edifice.

The last school census shows five hundred and three pupils of school age, twenty-five of whom are not attending school. The truancy law which is now the most stringent we have ever had will be strictly enforced.

Wm. Woodfill has been enjoying a job's comforter on his neck for the past week. It gave him a little rest from the delivery wagon but thinks he would prefer to work.

The MacMillan restaurant has changed hands, having been sold to Fairbanks and Graham.

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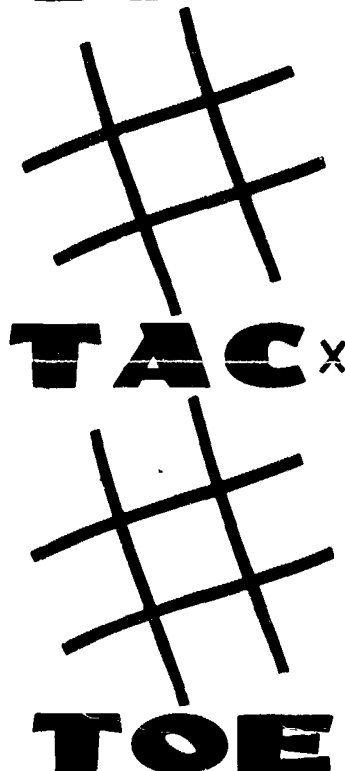
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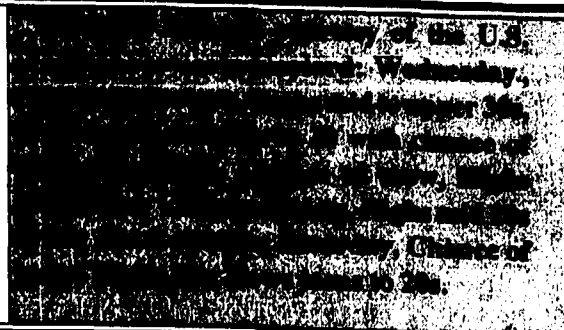
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip
11/26	49	29	.02
11/27	38	24	.02
11/28	38	25	.02
11/29	42	25	0
11/30	39	31	.03
12/1	39	29	0
12/2	31	26	0



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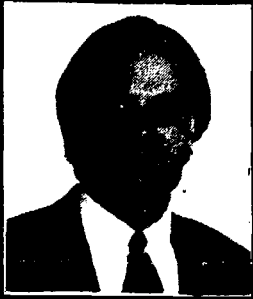
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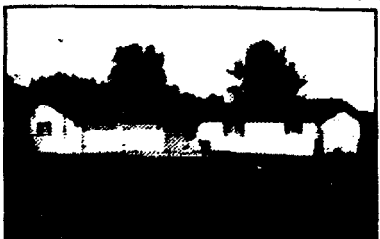


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IF YOU DESIRE... graceful living, living among beautiful surroundings, you must see this three-bedroom, two-bath cedar ranch home. Special features include breakfast room with peaked ceilings, cherry kitchen cabinets with pantry and snack bar. Master suite includes walk-in closet, tub and separate shower. The AuSable River Vinyl windows, woodwork with brick hearth, open floor plan. Pole barn, insulated and heated with offices and two-car attached garage. Split-rail fence, wrap-around deck, sprinkler system, pump at river, small greenhouse, raised flower beds. \$130,000. CS-572



RENTAL INCOME PROPERTY 2 units ready for occupancy, 3rd apartment requiring work. 24'x32' garage, surrounded by federal lands, located on M-93 near Lake Margrethe. Excellent location, needs some TLC. Call today! Price reduced. \$52,000. CH-675



ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One to two bedroom, 1.5 bath offers 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Roscommon. \$42,900. CS-624



256' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER Sellers are licensed builders and have several finish options. Exterior finished, 1/2-log siding with butt & pass corners, Andersen windows, skylite in master bedroom. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. No well, septic, plumbing, heating. Cedar decking, 8x40 covered deck, 2,104 sq. ft. including dormer in master bedroom. \$99,500. CH-684



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AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES a log home association development, only 13 of 15 wooded lots left. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Contact 517-348-7355. Grayling. 10/30/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom, one bath, attached garage. All appliances included. Farm Home Assumable. \$74,000. Call 348-5679. 4-11-18-24/1

HOUSE ON 2.5 ACRES close to town, on Lucy Lane and Wilcox Bridge Rd. Call 616-275-6292 28,500. 4/1

ONE STORY RANCH w/two bedrooms on two lots for sale by the Crawford County Housing Commission. House is located at 6858 Genesee Street, Frederic. Contact Housing Commission office for details at 348-3513 or 203 Huron Street, Grayling. 4-11-18/1

1992 FAIRMONT-DIPLOMAT 4706, 14x70, w/two bedrooms on 4 1/2 acres for sale by the Crawford County Housing Commission. Located at 1914 M-72 East, Grayling. Contact Housing commission office for details at 348-3513 or 203 Huron Street, Grayling. 4-11-18/1

FOR SALE 15 ACRES Hardwoods, borders state land, off Jones Lk. Rd. L/C possible, \$21,000. 348-9686. 4/1

FOR SALE 11 1/2 acres on AuSable River, approx 400' of meandering frontage, good access, electric, telephone. Very private. \$34,900. Land contract terms. Craig Hinkle, Re/Max of Grayling. 348-7440. 4/1

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

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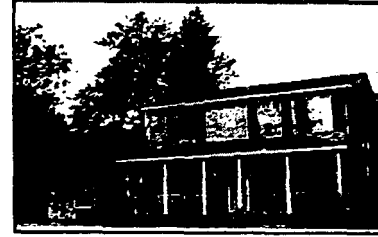


IDEAL FOR A LODGE, DAY CARE OR GROUP HOME Large rooms are a feature of this home situated on 40 acres. Satellite dish, Jenn-Air range, marble bathtub, woodburning furnace in the basement, 24x36 pole barn. Forty acres backs up to state land near Kneff Lake. \$160,000. #JG-677

CAPE COD BUILT IN 1994, HAS 5 LARGE DORMERS Across from state land. View & access to Lake Margrethe. Natural gas hot-water heat, 2 full baths. Ceramic tile, wood & carpeted floors. Victorian woodwork & 6-panel doors. White on white G.E. kitchen. Full basement with 8-ft. ceiling, gas fireplace. Terraced backyard with large deck. \$176,500. #JG-664



100' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE! Entertaining is part of the real joy of owning this lakefront home. 3-4 bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out doorwalls onto decks with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre, no-wake lake, electric motors only. Good swimming and fishing lake with sandy bottom. Plus much more. \$149,000. CS-685



CUSTOM-BUILT HOME ONLY ONE MILE FROM GRAYLING County road, with private setting. 2.1 acres, 2,200 sq. ft. of living area, four bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings in family room, master-bedroom suite, knotty pine accent, covered porch, oversized heated garage with 220 electric, and storage building. Price includes knotty pine T&G ceilings in two bedrooms downstairs. **MUST SEE! \$114,500.** CH-683



INVESTORS Lucky find! Three bedrooms, two full baths, family room, large kitchen, attached two-car garage. \$52,000. CS-684



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM 485' frontage with peninsula setting. Home offers 1,716 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, master-bedroom suite with doorwall onto wrap-around deck, fireplace, three doorwalls, finished garage. One-of-a-kind setting. Immediate occupancy. CH-649



TWO BLOCKS FROM HIGGINS LAKE Owner moving out of state. Price to speed sale. Two to three bedrooms, two baths, natural gas hot water baseboard heat, woodstove in living room, family room could be third bedroom. Large utility room, two-car garage. Don't wait to see this one! Reduced, \$48,000. CS-605

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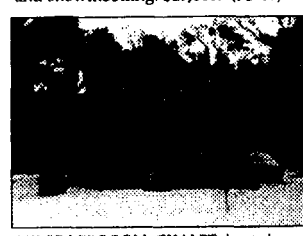
TEN ACRES of hardwoods northeast of Frederic. 14x60 mobile with a 24x24 attached building. Great area for hunting and snowmobiling. \$29,000. (FS-41)



AUSABLE WOODS This beautiful new home is ready to move in! It has 1,512 sq. ft., four bedrooms, two full baths, 20x22 finished garage. Must see to appreciate. \$112,000. (LM-954)



CHASE BRIDGE ROAD Great little cabin on a county-maintained road. Cabin is 480 sq. ft., bath with a path, furnished and is in as-is condition. Good hunting area. \$24,900. (MC-521)



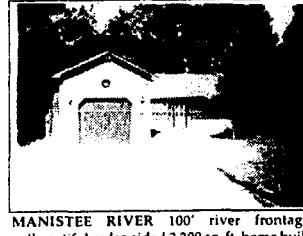
THREE-BEDROOM CHALET located on a large wooded lot with close access to hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. Includes stove and refrigerator. New carpet and inlaid in 1997. Shows pride of ownership. Over 1,200 sq. ft. \$61,900. (DL-96)



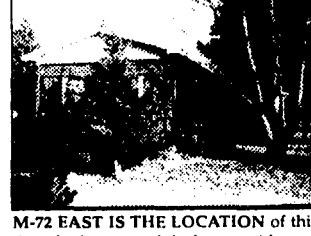
THREE-BEDROOM, ONE-BATH SALTBOX with great hunting. Large garage with work area. Electric heat and economical stove. Near state land \$49,900. (SG-27)



HOME WITH ACREAGE Over 1,700 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, two baths, woodburner, large garage and carport, root cellar and satellite dish. Extra well for garden and lawn. Excellent condition. \$96,000. Reduced, \$89,900. (DL-55)



MANISTEE RIVER 100' river frontage w/beautiful cedar-sided 3,200 sq. ft. home built in 1996, which sits on +/- 2 acres. Home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement, fireplace, custom cabinets. Too many features to mention. State land across the street. \$270,000. Reduced to \$183,900. (KJ/LJ-281)



M-72 EAST IS THE LOCATION of this three-bedroom mobile home with roof over. New furnace. Includes stove and refrigerator, 24x40 garage and satellite dish, plus your own trout pond. Located on 2 1/2 acres. \$46,900. (DL-94)



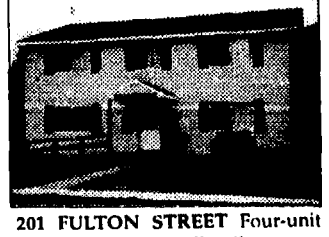
TEN ACRES OF PRIVACY This beautiful, well-maintained home offers three bedrooms, three baths, full finished basement, two-car garage, and that country feeling. Many more features too numerous to mention. \$110,000. (DM-46)



402 PENINSULAR AVENUE is the convenient location of this four-unit apartment building. Storage in garage. Coin-op laundry. Excellent occupancy. Owner financing. \$114,500. (LM-952)



GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES Three-bedroom home, 1,630 sq. ft., 1 1/2 baths, family room, covered patio and carport. Large garage, garden area. Includes stove, refrigerator and washer. Lots of updating. Owner financing. \$33,000, or cash, \$31,000. (C-DL-938)



201 FULTON STREET Four-unit apartment building. Excellent occupancy rate. Storage area in basement for each unit. Owner financing. \$124,500. (LM-951)

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1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage, 123x165 lot. Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840.

-20-4/1

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat. Two miles from Grayling. \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945.

-10/23/97tf/1

PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055.

11/13/97tf/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near Ausable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355.

12-4-97tf/1

AUSABLE MAINSTREAM Vacant lot. 200 ft. river frontage, above McManis Bridge. Ideal building site. Private access, telephone and electricity. Hal broker. 348-5965.

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3. Employment

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS NEEDED for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691.

10/9/97tf/3

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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage. Furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336.

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2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350.

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The **GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION** is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

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- 1. good rental history
- 2. good credit history
- 3. family size appropriate for each apartment size

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Rent Range:

Family of 2:	\$107 - \$555	Maximum income \$22,700
Family of 3:	\$125 - \$615	Maximum income \$25,550
Family of 4:	\$150 - \$674	Maximum income \$28,400

11/6/97tf/2

3. Employment

DEMONSTRATORS to hand out coupons/samples in supermarkets. \$7-\$8/hr based on experience. Call toll free 1-888-GO-IN-TRO. (464-6876).

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AVON \$8-\$18/hr, no door-to-door, quick cash, fun and relaxing. 1-800-736-0168. ind/sls/rep

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Registered or licensed social worker position is available for a motivated and caring individual for a 16-bed vent unit nursing facility in Gaylord, the heart of northern Michigan. Responsibilities include resident and family counseling, MDs, care plans, and working on an interdisciplinary team. Strong written and oral communication skills a must. Excellent starting wages and health benefits available, including 401K, BSW or RSW preferred. Send resume in confidence to:

Tendercare Gaylord,
508 Random Lane, Rt. 4
Gaylord, MI 49735.
(517) 732-3508
Attention: Administrator

2. For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT: Neat and clean two bedroom house in country, with attached garage, eight miles south of Grayling, C/A schools, recently remodeled. Available 1-2-98. References and deposit required. \$525 per month. 517-275-4126.

-27-4/2

PARTIALLY FURNISHED three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, no pets, \$600 a month. Lake Margrethe area. References, call after 5 p.m. 348-3563 or 517-832-5796.

-27-4/2

2. For Rent

FOR LEASE river front home, two bedroom, one bath, utility, combined kitchen and living room, enclosed porch, storage shed, \$400. First and last month's plus \$400 security deposit and utilities references. 348-8466.

11/13/97tf/2

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT in town, near Rite Aid. \$425 per month plus security deposit. 517-275-2100.

-27-4/2

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Formal dining room, large family room, on private road. \$400 per month plus security deposit. 517-275-2100.

-27-4/2

RENTAL 12x65', two bedroom, furnished mobile home, \$350. Grayling Mobile Home Estates. Security deposit required. No pets. Call 517-348-5311.

-27-4/2

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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7. Miscellaneous

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9. Personals

ON-LINE COLLEGE COURSES: Microsoft Office, English Comp. I, English Comp. II, American History, all offered via the Internet at Kirtland. Call (517) 275-5121, Ext. 248. Information on "The Net" - <http://gln.dcccd.edu/kcc/online.html>

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Happy Anniversary

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8. Announcements

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7. Miscellaneous

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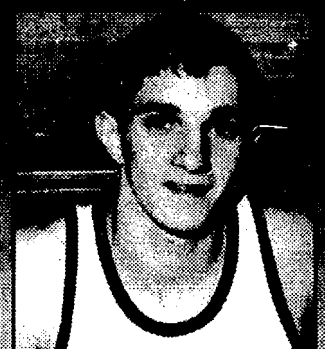
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11. Automotive

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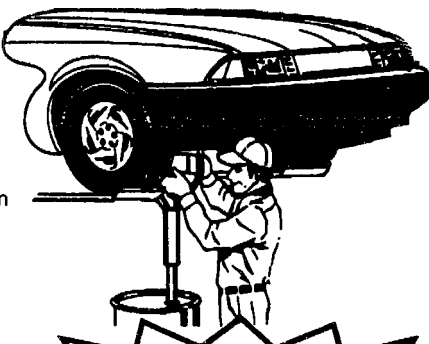
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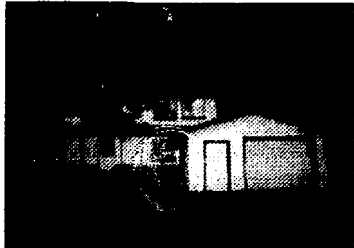
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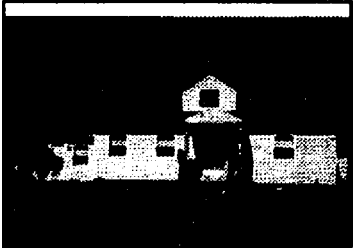
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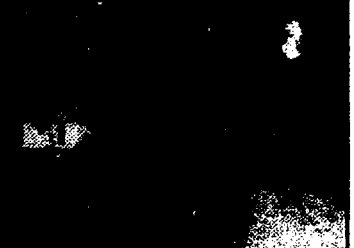
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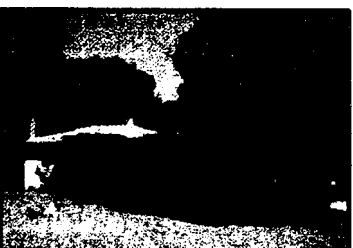
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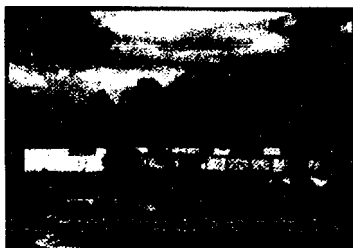
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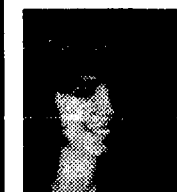
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